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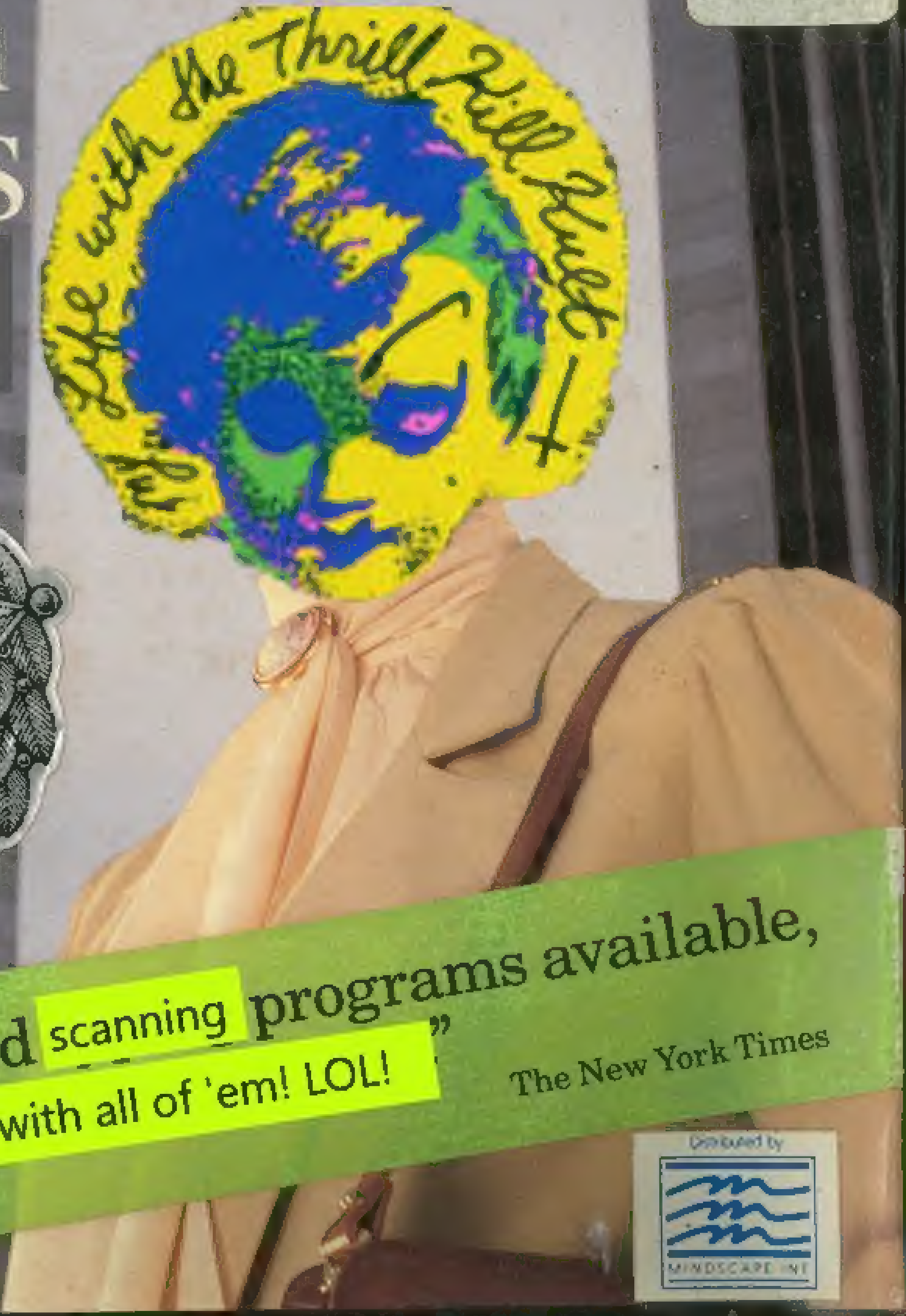
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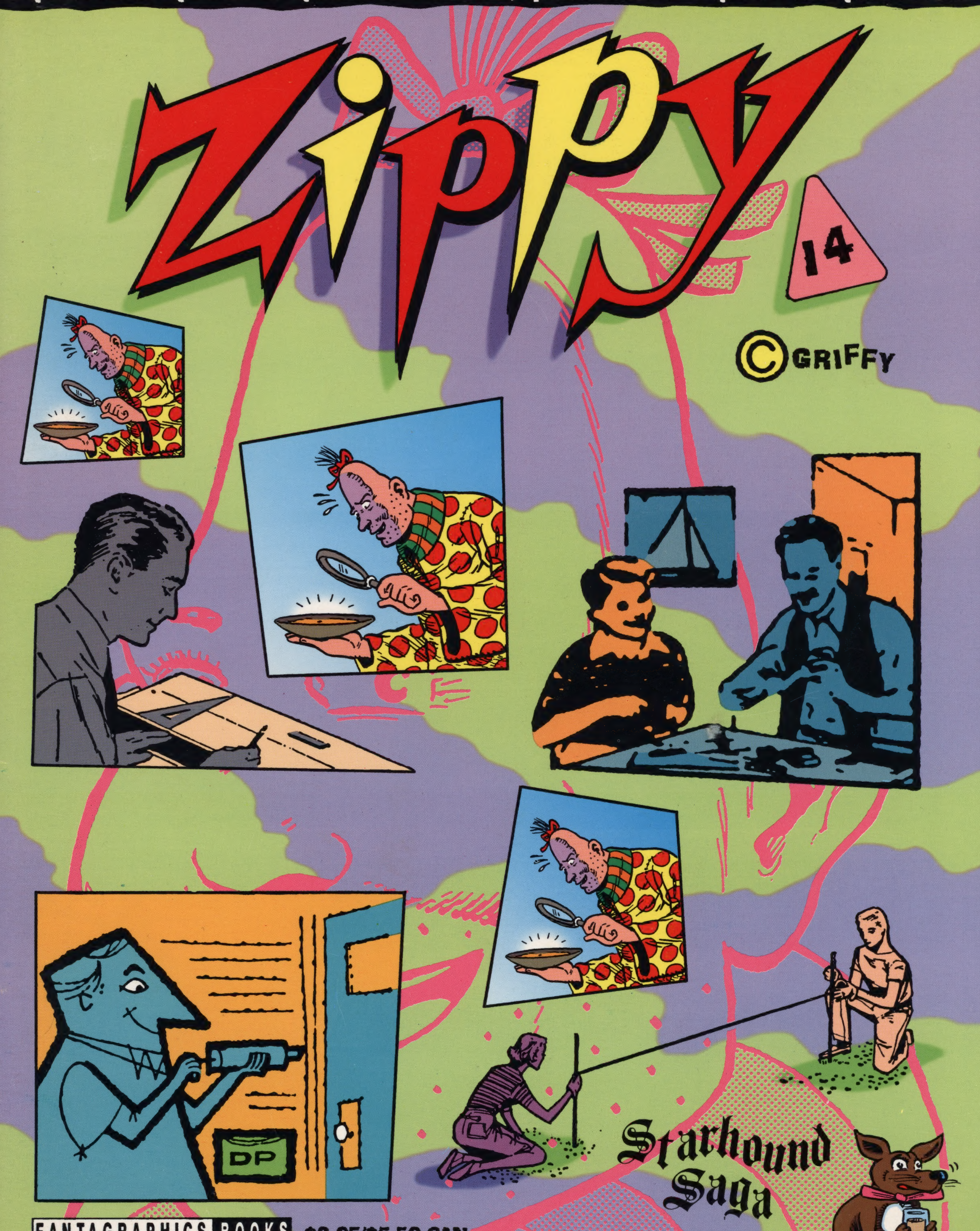
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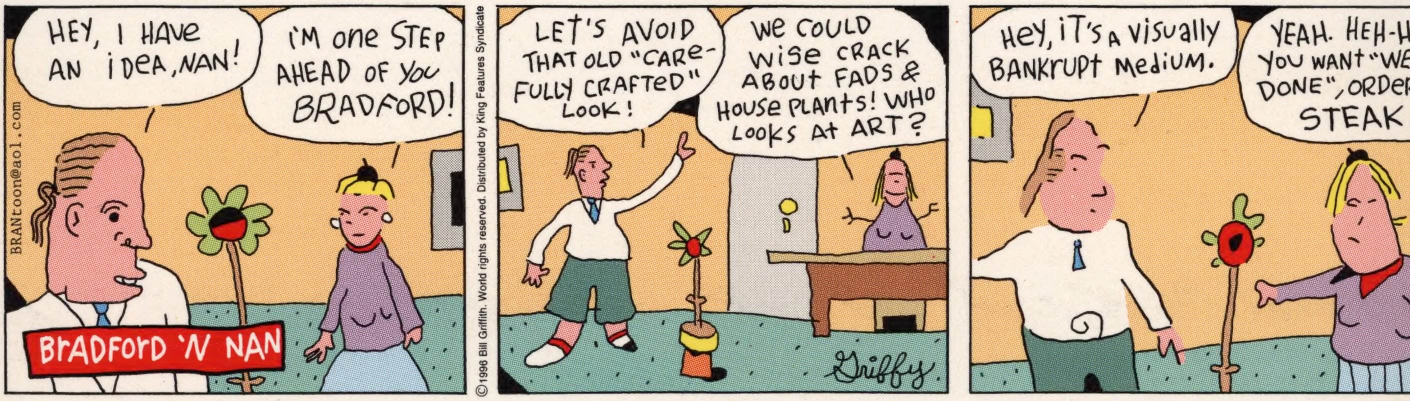
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HEY, I HAVE AN IDEA, NAN!
I'M ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOU BRADFORD!
BRADFORD 'N NAN
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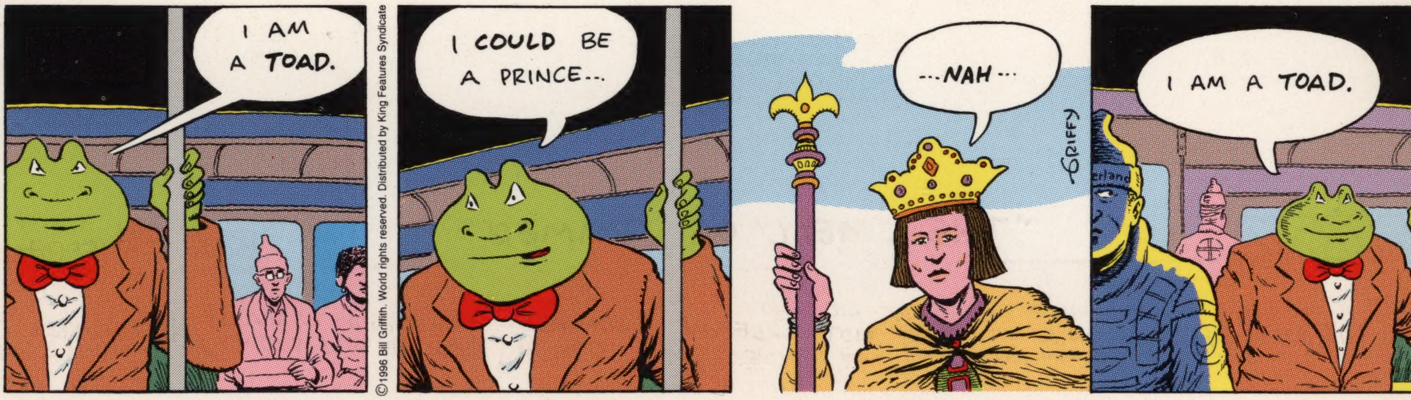
LET'S AVOID THAT OLD "CAREFULLY CRAFTED" LOOK!
WE COULD WISE CRACK ABOUT FADS & HOUSE PLANTS! WHO LOOKS AT ART?
Griffy
HEY, IT'S A VISUALLY BANKRUPT MEDIUM.
YEAH. HEH-HEH. YOU WANT "WELL-DONE", ORDER A STEAK!


I AM A TOAD.
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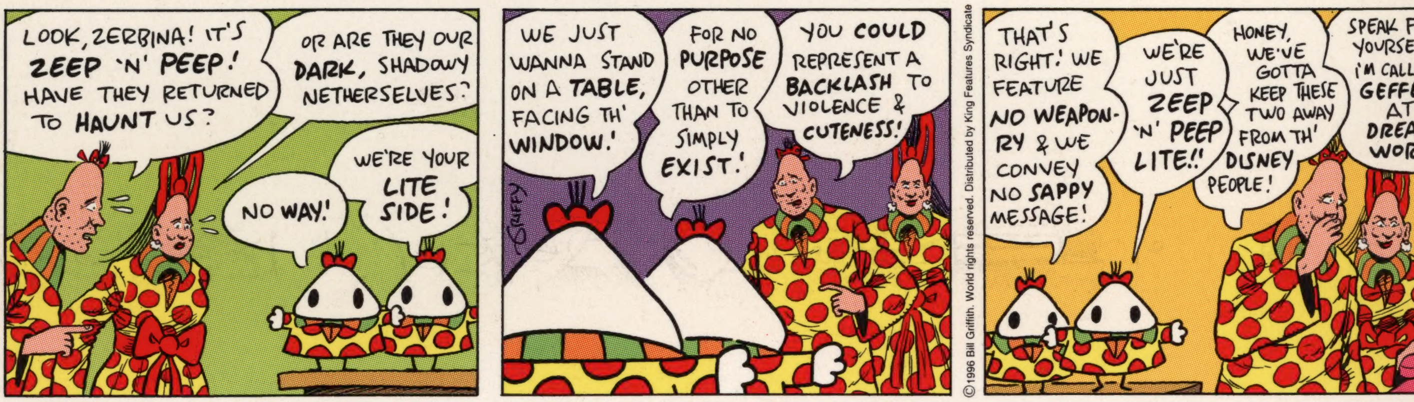
I COULD BE A PRINCE...
...NAH...
GRIFFY
I AM A TOAD.


LOOK, ZERBINA! IT'S ZEEP 'N' PEEP! HAVE THEY RETURNED TO HAUNT US?
OR ARE THEY OUR DARK, SHADOWY NETHERSELVES?
NO WAY!
WE'RE YOUR LITE SIDE!
WE JUST WANNA STAND ON A TABLE, FACING TH' WINDOW!
FOR NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO SIMPLY EXIST!
YOU COULD REPRESENT A BACKLASH TO VIOLENCE & CUTENESS!
GRIFFY
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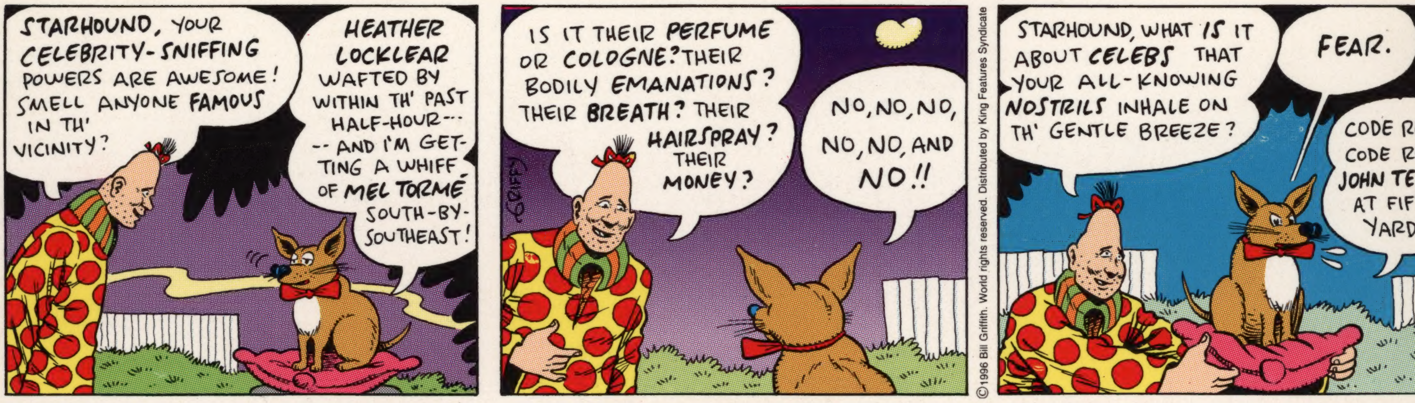
THAT'S RIGHT! WE FEATURE NO WEAPONRY & WE CONVEY NO SAPPY MESSAGE!
WE'RE JUST ZEEP 'N' PEEP LITE!!
HONEY, WE'VE GOTTA KEEP THESE TWO AWAY FROM TH' DISNEY PEOPLE!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF! I'M CALLING GEFFEN AT DREAMWORKS!


STARHOUND, YOUR CELEBRITY-SNIFFING POWERS ARE AWESOME! SMELL ANYONE FAMOUS IN TH' VICINITY?
HEATHER LOCKLEAR WAFTED BY WITHIN TH' PAST HALF-HOUR--- --AND I'M GETTING A WHIFF OF MEL TORMÉ SOUTH-BY-SOUTHEAST!
IS IT THEIR PERFUME OR COLOGNE? THEIR BODILY EMANATIONS? THEIR BREATH? THEIR HAIRSPRAY? THEIR MONEY?
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, AND NO!!
GRIFFY
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STARHOUND, WHAT IS IT ABOUT CELEBS THAT YOUR ALL-KNOWING NOSTRILS INHALE ON TH' GENTLE BREEZE?
FEAR.
CODE RED! CODE RED! JOHN TESH AT FIFTY YARDS!!

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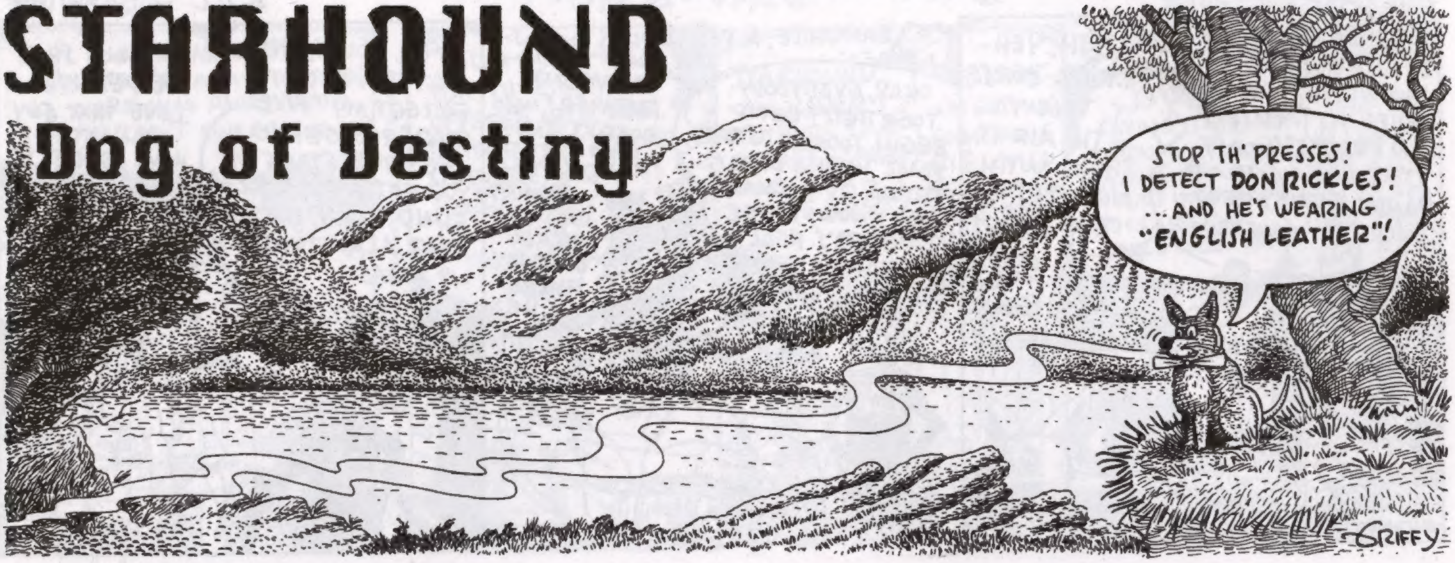
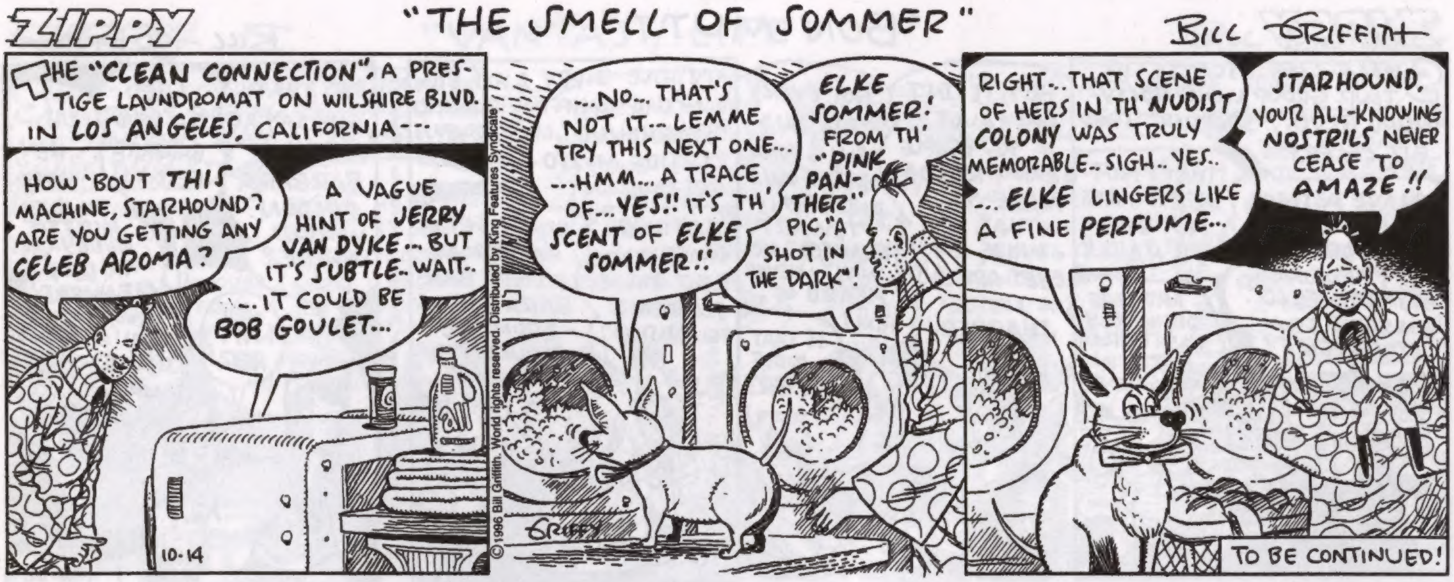

STARHOUND
Dog of Destiny
STOP TH' PRESSES! I DETECT DON RICKLES! ...AND HE'S WEARING "ENGLISH LEATHER"!
GRIFFY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"THE SMELL OF SOMMER"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE "CLEAN CONNECTION", A PRESTIGE LAUNDROMAT ON WILSHIRE BLVD. IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA--
HOW 'BOUT THIS MACHINE, STARHOUND? ARE YOU GETTING ANY CELEB AROMA?
A VAGUE HINT OF JERRY VAN DYKE... BUT IT'S SUBTLE.. WAIT.. ...IT COULD BE BOB GOULET...
all
10-14
...NO... THAT'S NOT IT... LEMME TRY THIS NEXT ONE... ...HMM... A TRACE OF... YES!! IT'S TH' SCENT OF ELKE SOMMER!!
ELKE SOMMER! FROM TH' "PINK PANTHER" PIC, "A SHOT IN THE DARK"!
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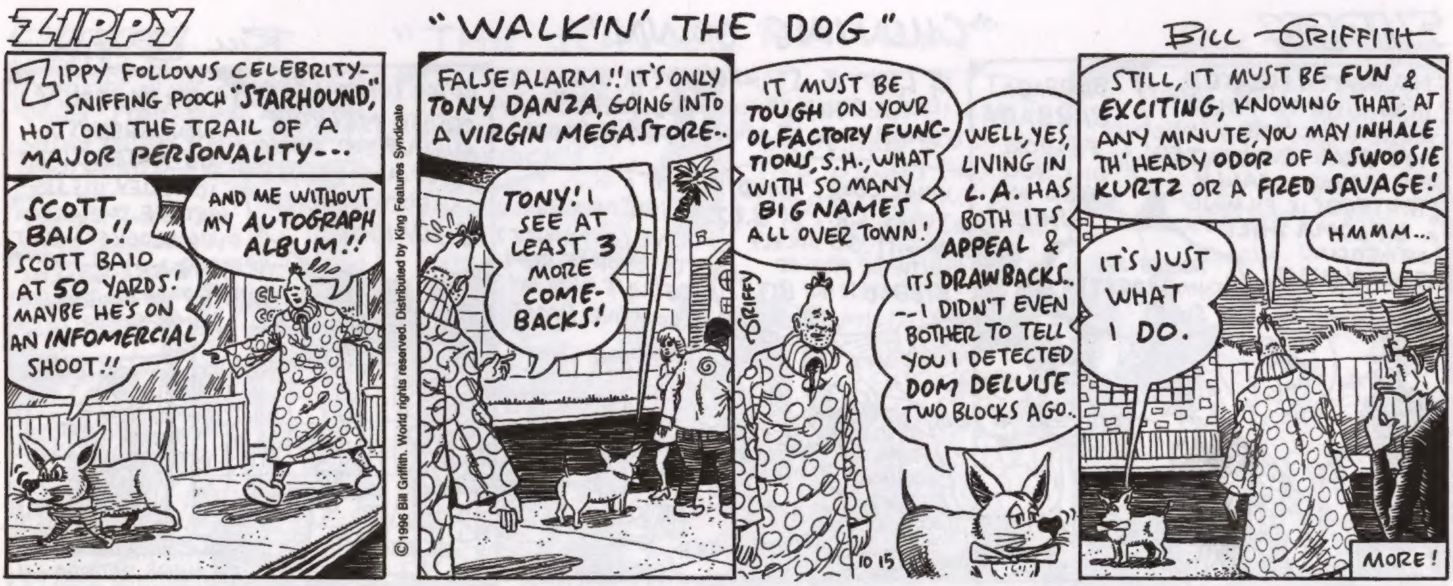
GRIFFY
RIGHT... THAT SCENE OF HERS IN TH' NUDIST COLONY WAS TRULY MEMORABLE.. SIGH.. YES.. ...ELKE LINGERS LIKE A FINE PERFUME...
STARHOUND, YOUR ALL-KNOWING NOSTRILS NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE!!
TO BE CONTINUED!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"WALKIN' THE DOG"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY FOLLOWS CELEBRITY-SNIFFING POOCH "STARHOUND", HOT ON THE TRAIL OF A MAJOR PERSONALITY---
SCOTT BAIO!! SCOTT BAIO AT 50 YARDS! MAYBE HE'S ON AN INFOMERCIAL SHOOT!!
AND ME WITHOUT MY AUTOGRAPH ALBUM!!
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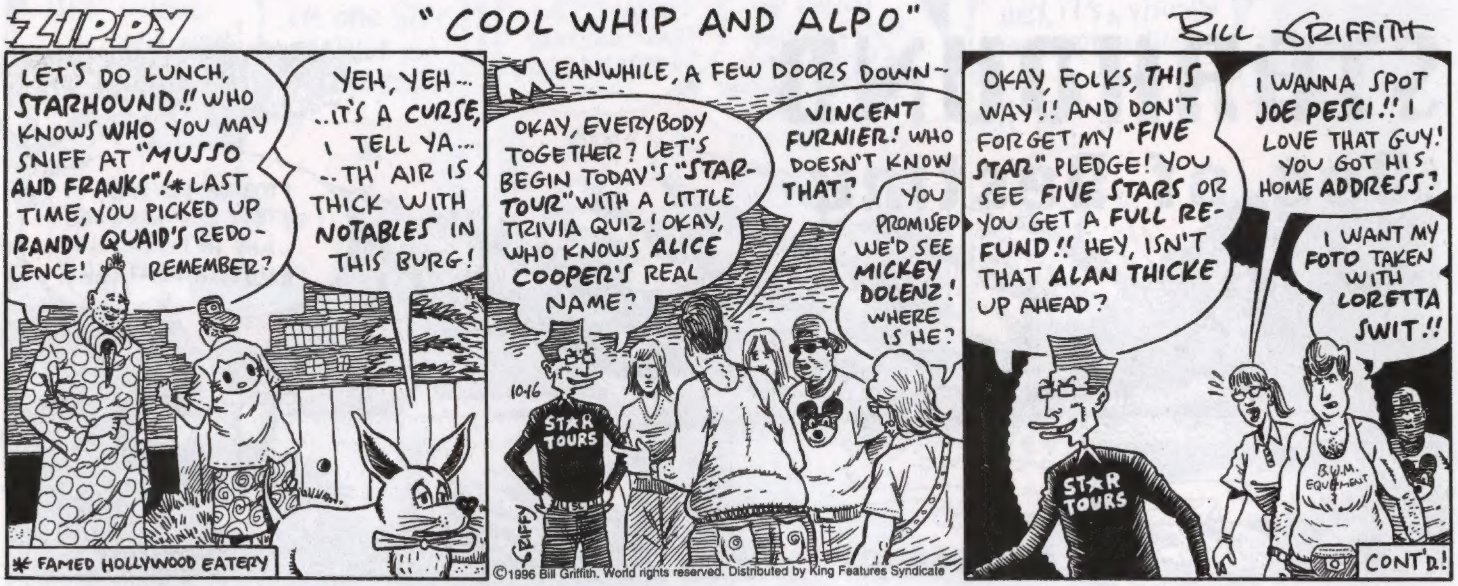
FALSE ALARM!! IT'S ONLY TONY DANZA, GOING INTO A VIRGIN MEGASTORE..
TONY! I SEE AT LEAST 3 MORE COMEBACKS!
IT MUST BE TOUGH ON YOUR OLFACTORY FUNCTIONS, S.H., WHAT WITH SO MANY BIG NAMES ALL OVER TOWN!
GRIFFY
WELL, YES, LIVING IN L.A. HAS BOTH ITS APPEAL & ITS DRAWBACKS.. --I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO TELL YOU I DETECTED DOM DELUISE TWO BLOCKS AGO..
10 15
STILL, IT MUST BE FUN & EXCITING, KNOWING THAT, AT ANY MINUTE, YOU MAY INHALE TH' HEADY ODOR OF A SWOOSIE KURTZ OR A FRED SAVAGE!
HMMM...
IT'S JUST WHAT I DO.
MORE!


ZIPPY
"COOL WHIP AND ALPO"
BILL GRIFFITH
LET'S DO LUNCH, STARHOUND!! WHO KNOWS WHO YOU MAY SNIFF AT "MUSSO AND FRANKS"!* LAST TIME, YOU PICKED UP RANDY QUAID'S REDOLENCE! REMEMBER?
YEH, YEH... ...IT'S A CURSE, I TELL YA... ..TH' AIR IS THICK WITH NOTABLES IN THIS BURG!
* FAMED HOLLYWOOD EATERY
MEANWHILE, A FEW DOORS DOWN--
OKAY, EVERYBODY TOGETHER? LET'S BEGIN TODAY'S "STAR-TOUR" WITH A LITTLE TRIVIA QUIZ! OKAY, WHO KNOWS ALICE COOPER'S REAL NAME?
VINCENT FURNIER! WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT?
YOU PROMISED WE'D SEE MICKEY DOLENZ! WHERE IS HE?
STAR TOURS
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GRIFFY
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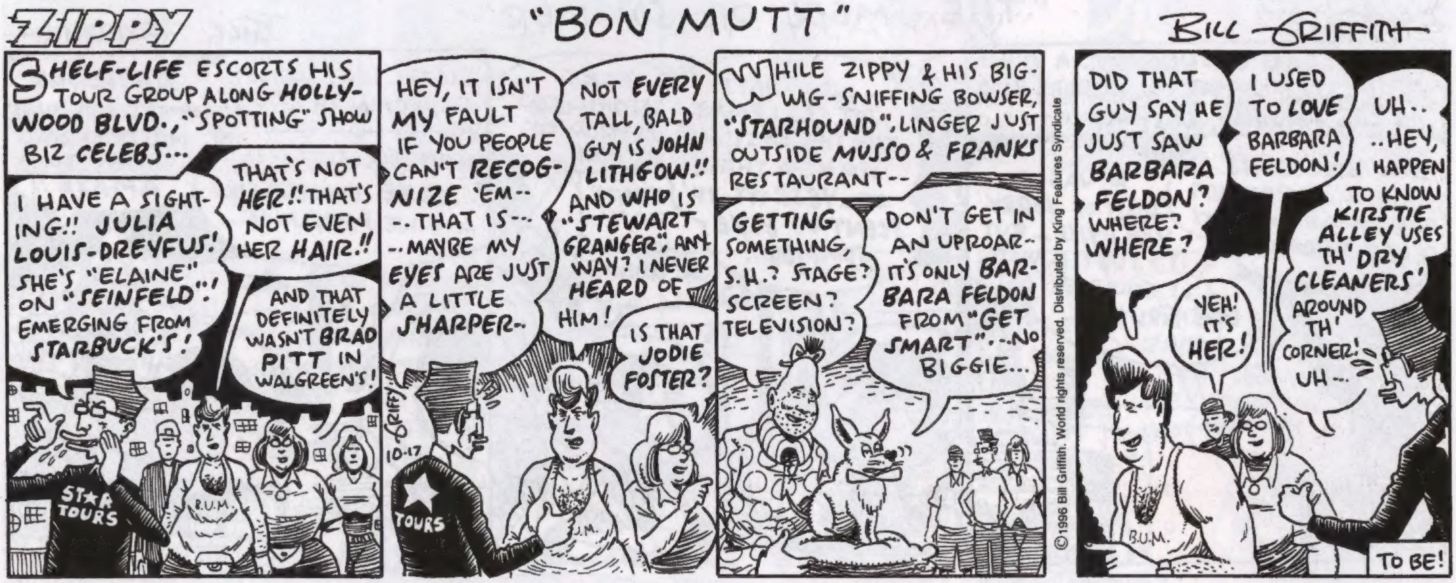
OKAY, FOLKS, THIS WAY!! AND DON'T FORGET MY "FIVE STAR" PLEDGE! YOU SEE FIVE STARS OR YOU GET A FULL REFUND!! HEY, ISN'T THAT ALAN THICKE UP AHEAD?
I WANNA SPOT JOE PESCI!! I LOVE THAT GUY! YOU GOT HIS HOME ADDRESS?
I WANT MY FOTO TAKEN WITH LORETTA SWIT!!
STAR TOURS
B.U.M. EQUIPMENT
CONT'D!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"BON MUTT"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE ESCORTS HIS TOUR GROUP ALONG HOLLYWOOD BLVD., "SPOTTING" SHOW BIZ CELEBS...
I HAVE A SIGHTING!! JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS! SHE'S "ELAINE" ON "SEINFELD"! EMERGING FROM STARBUCK'S!
THAT'S NOT HER!! THAT'S NOT EVEN HER HAIR!!
AND THAT DEFINITELY WASN'T BRAD PITT IN WALGREEN'S!
STAR TOURS
B.U.M.
HEY, IT ISN'T MY FAULT IF YOU PEOPLE CAN'T RECOGNIZE 'EM-- --THAT IS-- --MAYBE MY EYES ARE JUST A LITTLE SHARPER--
NOT EVERY TALL, BALD GUY IS JOHN LITHGOW!! AND WHO IS "STEWART GRANGER", ANYWAY? I NEVER HEARD OF HIM!
IS THAT JODIE FOSTER?
GRIFFY
10-17
TOURS
WHILE ZIPPY & HIS BIG-WIG-SNIFFING BOWSER, "STARHOUND", LINGER JUST OUTSIDE MUSSO & FRANKS RESTAURANT--
GETTING SOMETHING, S.H.? STAGE? SCREEN? TELEVISION?
DON'T GET IN AN UPROAR-- IT'S ONLY BARBARA FELDON FROM "GET SMART"--NO BIGGIE...
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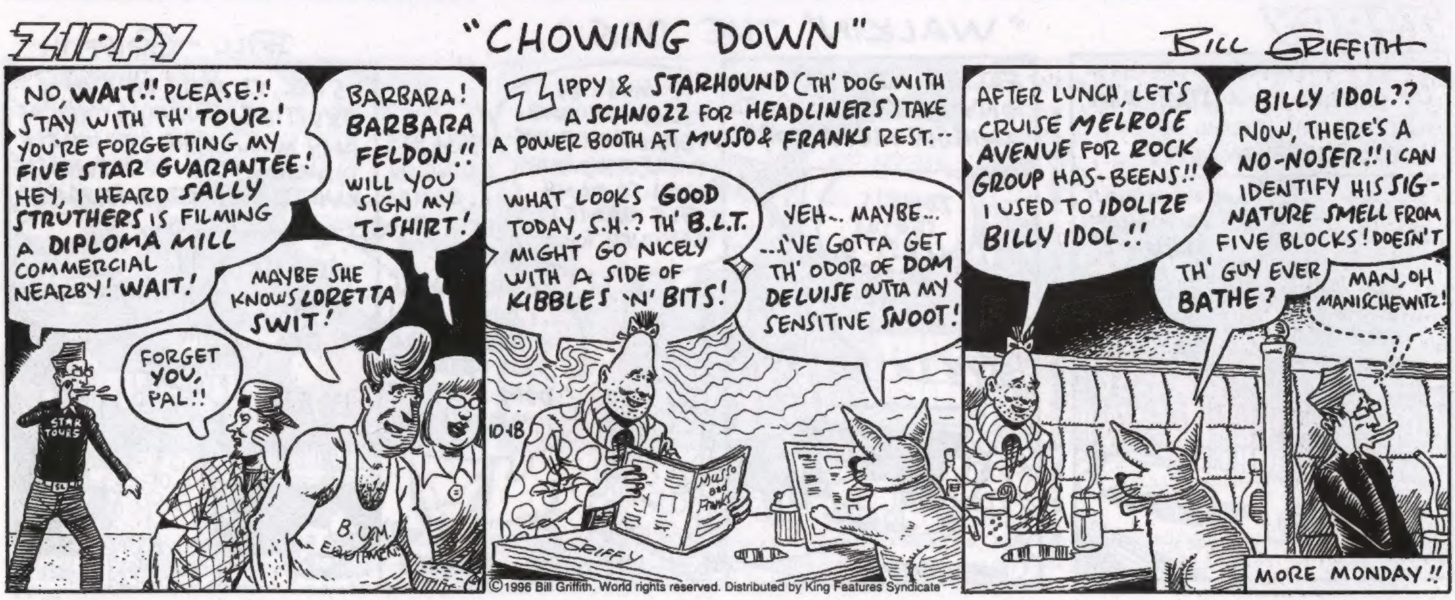
DID THAT GUY SAY HE JUST SAW BARBARA FELDON? WHERE? WHERE?
I USED TO LOVE BARBARA FELDON!
UH.. ..HEY, I HAPPEN TO KNOW KIRSTIE ALLEY USES TH' DRY CLEANERS' AROUND TH' CORNER! UH--
YEH! IT'S HER!
B.U.M.
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"CHOWING DOWN"
BILL GRIFFITH
NO, WAIT!! PLEASE!! STAY WITH TH' TOUR! YOU'RE FORGETTING MY FIVE STAR GUARANTEE! HEY, I HEARD SALLY STRUTHERS IS FILMING A DIPLOMA MILL COMMERCIAL NEARBY! WAIT!
BARBARA! BARBARA FELDON!! WILL YOU SIGN MY T-SHIRT!
MAYBE SHE KNOWS LORETTA SWIT!
FORGET YOU, PAL!!
STAR TOURS
B.U.M. EQUIPMENT
ZIPPY & STARHOUND (TH' DOG WITH A SCHNOZZ FOR HEADLINERS) TAKE A POWER BOOTH AT MUSSO & FRANKS REST.--
WHAT LOOKS GOOD TODAY, S.H.? TH' B.L.T. MIGHT GO NICELY WITH A SIDE OF KIBBLES 'N' BITS!
YEH.. MAYBE... ...I'VE GOTTA GET TH' ODOR OF DOM DELUISE OUTTA MY SENSITIVE SNOOT!
10-18
Musso and Franks
GRIFFY
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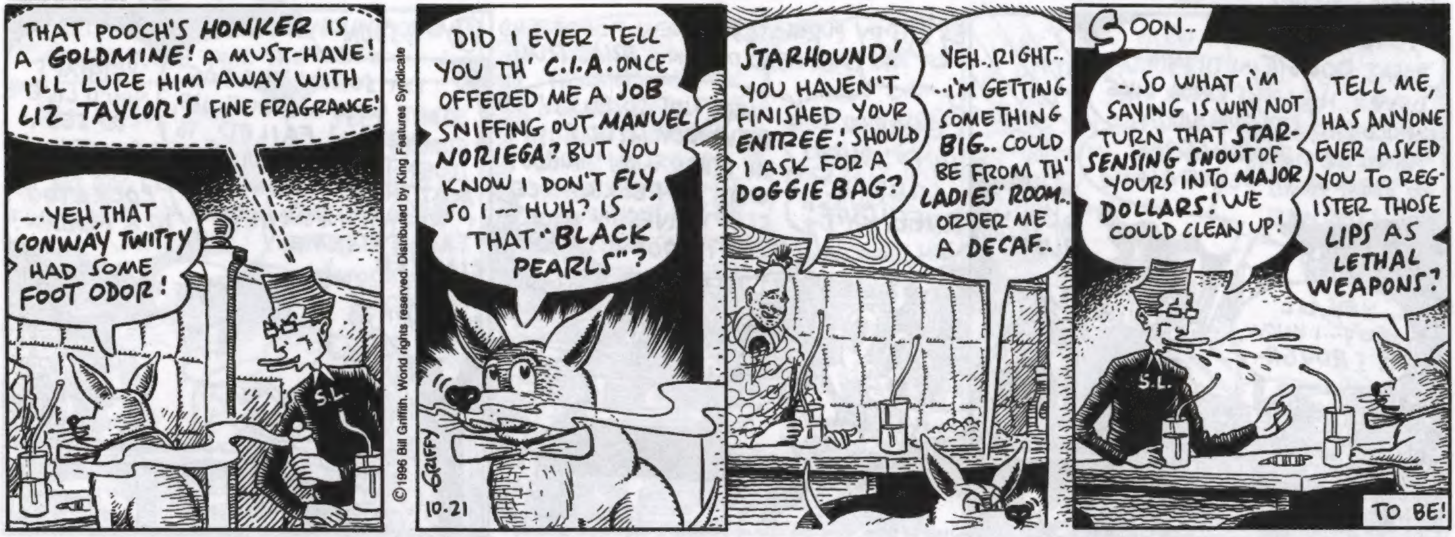
AFTER LUNCH, LET'S CRUISE MELROSE AVENUE FOR ROCK GROUP HAS-BEENS!! I USED TO IDOLIZE BILLY IDOL!!
BILLY IDOL?? NOW, THERE'S A NO-NOSER!! I CAN IDENTIFY HIS SIGNATURE SMELL FROM FIVE BLOCKS! DOESN'T TH' GUY EVER BATHE?
MAN, OH MANISCHEWITZ!
MORE MONDAY!!

ZIPPY "I LIKE TIKE" BILL GRIFFITH


THAT POOCH'S HONKER IS A GOLDMINE! A MUST-HAVE! I'LL LURE HIM AWAY WITH LIZ TAYLOR'S FINE FRAGRANCE!
--YEH, THAT CONWAY TWITTY HAD SOME FOOT ODOR!
S.L.
DID I EVER TELL YOU TH' C.I.A. ONCE OFFERED ME A JOB SNIFFING OUT MANUEL NORIEGA? BUT YOU KNOW I DON'T FLY, SO I -- HUH? IS THAT "BLACK PEARLS"?
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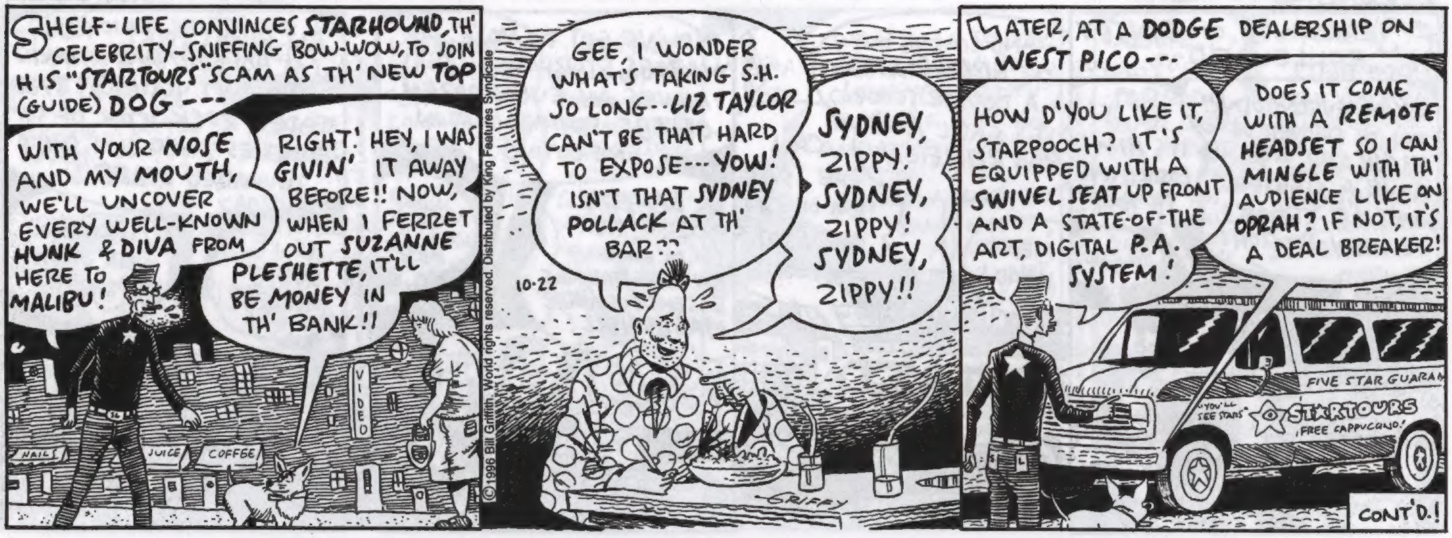
GRIFFY
10-21
STARHOUND! YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR ENTREE! SHOULD I ASK FOR A DOGGIE BAG?
YEH.. RIGHT.. ..I'M GETTING SOMETHING BIG.. COULD BE FROM TH' LADIES' ROOM.. ORDER ME A DECAF..
SOON..
..SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS WHY NOT TURN THAT STAR-SENSING SNOUT OF YOURS INTO MAJOR DOLLARS! WE COULD CLEAN UP!
TELL ME, HAS ANYONE EVER ASKED YOU TO REGISTER THOSE LIPS AS LETHAL WEAPONS?
S.L.
TO BE!

ZIPPY "VANTASY LIFE" BILL GRIFFITH


SHELF-LIFE CONVINCES STARHOUND, TH' CELEBRITY-SNIFFING BOW-WOW, TO JOIN HIS "STARTOURS" SCAM AS TH' NEW TOP (GUIDE) DOG ---
WITH YOUR NOSE AND MY MOUTH, WE'LL UNCOVER EVERY WELL-KNOWN HUNK & DIVA FROM HERE TO MALIBU!
RIGHT! HEY, I WAS GIVIN' IT AWAY BEFORE!! NOW, WHEN I FERRET OUT SUZANNE PLESHETTE, IT'LL BE MONEY IN TH' BANK!!
VIDEO
NAILS
JUICE
COFFEE
GEE, I WONDER WHAT'S TAKING S.H. SO LONG--LIZ TAYLOR CAN'T BE THAT HARD TO EXPOSE---YOW! ISN'T THAT SYDNEY POLLACK AT TH' BAR??
SYDNEY, ZIPPY! SYDNEY, ZIPPY! SYDNEY, ZIPPY!!
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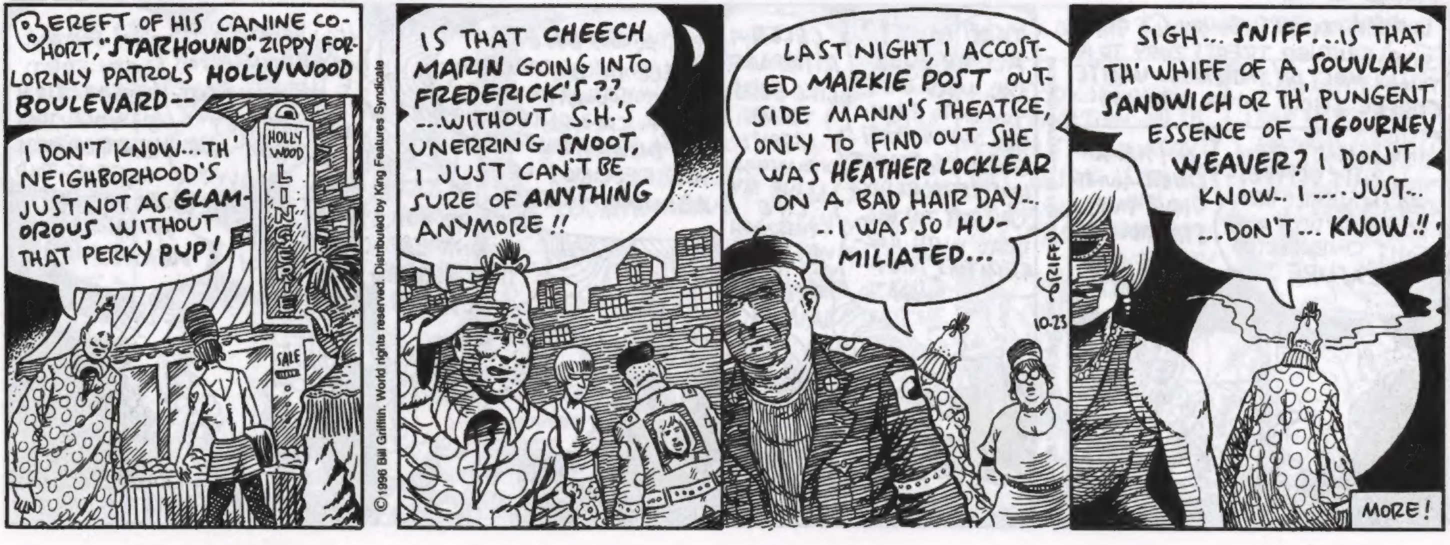
10-22
GRIFFY
LATER, AT A DODGE DEALERSHIP ON WEST PICO---
HOW D'YOU LIKE IT, STARPOOCH? IT'S EQUIPPED WITH A SWIVEL SEAT UP FRONT AND A STATE-OF-THE ART, DIGITAL P.A. SYSTEM!
DOES IT COME WITH A REMOTE HEADSET SO I CAN MINGLE WITH TH' AUDIENCE LIKE ON OPRAH? IF NOT, IT'S A DEAL BREAKER!
FIVE STAR GUARAN
"YOU'LL SEE STARS"
STARTOURS
FREE CAPPUCCINO!
CONT'D.!

ZIPPY "THE SCHNOZZ THAT WAS" BILL GRIFFITH


BEREFT OF HIS CANINE COHORT, "STARHOUND", ZIPPY FORLORNLY PATROLS HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD--
I DON'T KNOW...TH' NEIGHBORHOOD'S JUST NOT AS GLAMOROUS WITHOUT THAT PERKY PUP!
HOLLYWOOD
LINGERIE
SALE
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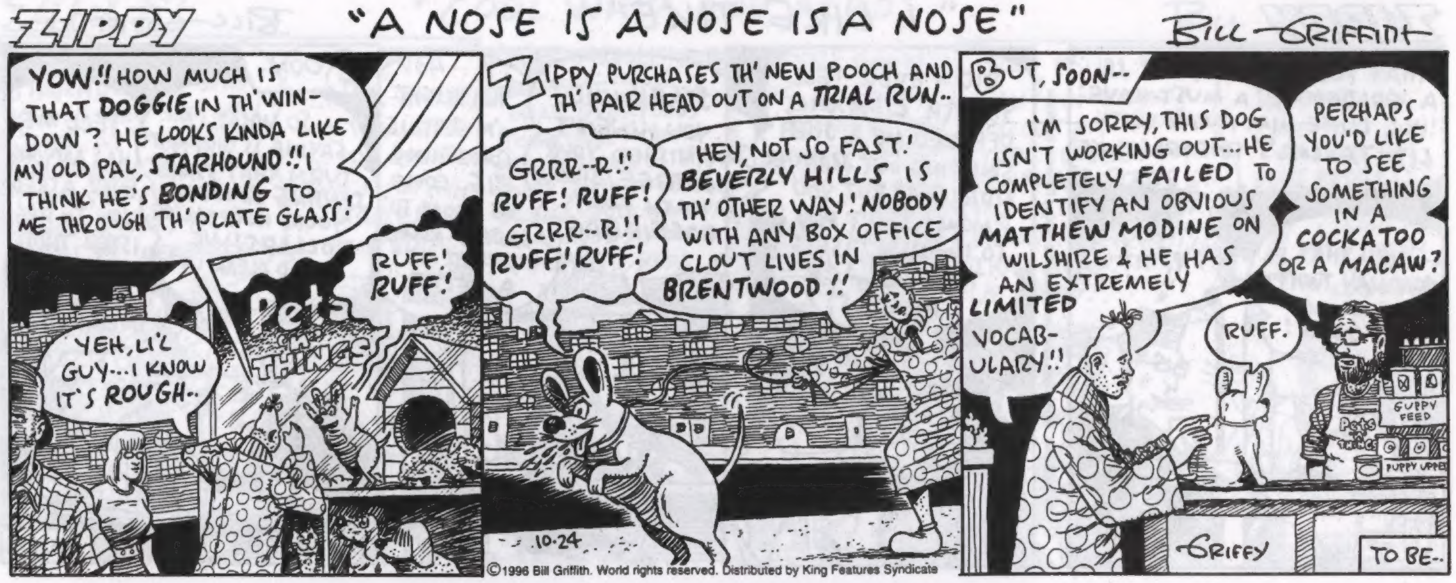
IS THAT CHEECH MARIN GOING INTO FREDERICK'S?? ...WITHOUT S.H.'S UNERRING SNOOT, I JUST CAN'T BE SURE OF ANYTHING ANYMORE!!
LAST NIGHT, I ACCOSTED MARKIE POST OUTSIDE MANN'S THEATRE, ONLY TO FIND OUT SHE WAS HEATHER LOCKLEAR ON A BAD HAIR DAY... ...I WAS SO HUMILIATED...
GRIFFY
10-23
SIGH... SNIFF... IS THAT TH' WHIFF OF A SOUVLAKI SANDWICH OR TH' PUNGENT ESSENCE OF SIGOURNEY WEAVER? I DON'T KNOW.. I.... JUST.. ...DON'T... KNOW!!
MORE!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"A NOSE IS A NOSE IS A NOSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOW!! HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN TH' WINDOW? HE LOOKS KINDA LIKE MY OLD PAL, STARHOUND!! I THINK HE'S BONDING TO ME THROUGH TH' PLATE GLASS!
RUFF! RUFF!
YEH, LI'L GUY... I KNOW IT'S ROUGH..
PETS 'N THINGS
ZIPPY PURCHASES TH' NEW POOCH AND TH' PAIR HEAD OUT ON A TRIAL RUN..
GRRR--R!! RUFF! RUFF! GRRR--R!! RUFF! RUFF!
HEY, NOT SO FAST! BEVERLY HILLS IS TH' OTHER WAY! NOBODY WITH ANY BOX OFFICE CLOUT LIVES IN BRENTWOOD!!
10-24
BUT, SOON--
I'M SORRY, THIS DOG ISN'T WORKING OUT... HE COMPLETELY FAILED TO IDENTIFY AN OBVIOUS MATTHEW MODINE ON WILSHIRE & HE HAS AN EXTREMELY LIMITED VOCABULARY!!
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING IN A COCKATOO OR A MACAW?
RUFF.
GUPPY FEED
PUPPY UPPER
GRIFFY
TO BE..
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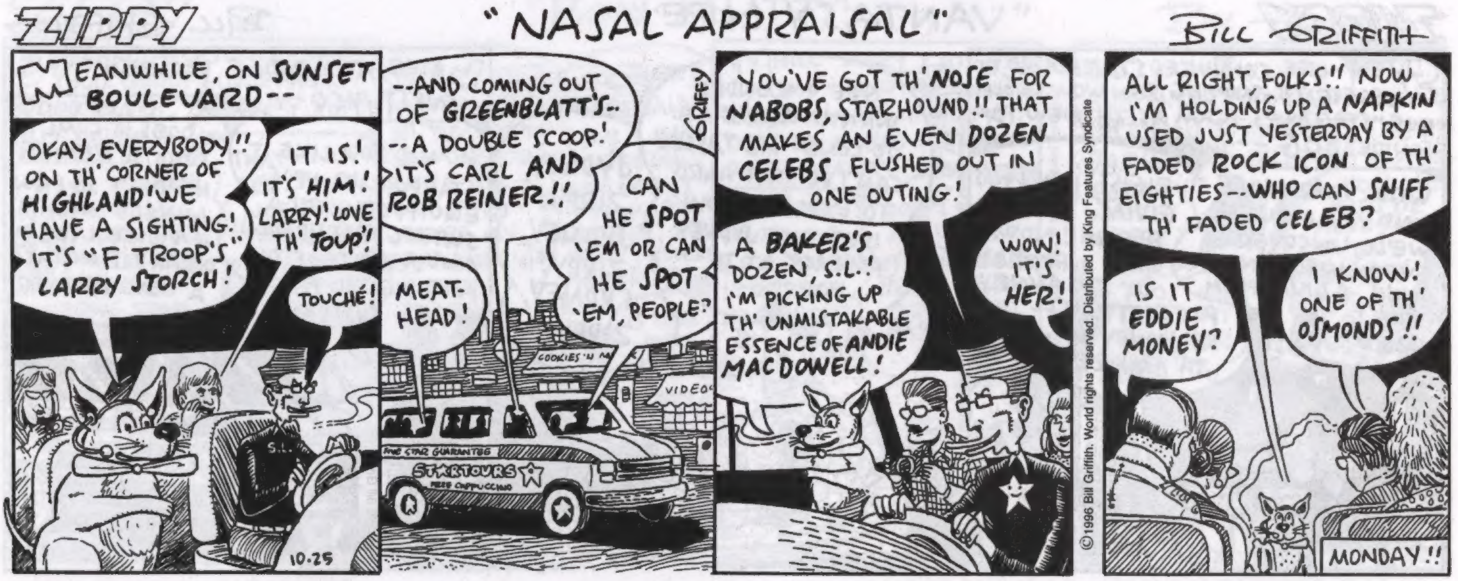
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"NASAL APPRAISAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, ON SUNSET BOULEVARD--
OKAY, EVERYBODY!! ON TH' CORNER OF HIGHLAND! WE HAVE A SIGHTING! IT'S "F TROOP'S" LARRY STORCH!
IT IS! IT'S HIM! LARRY! LOVE TH' TOUP'!
TOUCHÉ!
S.L.
10-25
--AND COMING OUT OF GREENBLATT'S.. --A DOUBLE SCOOP! IT'S CARL AND ROB REINER!!
MEAT-HEAD!
CAN HE SPOT 'EM OR CAN HE SPOT 'EM, PEOPLE?
GRIFFY
COOKIES 'N M
VIDEO
FIVE STAR GUARANTEE
STARTOURS
FREE CAPPUCCINO
YOU'VE GOT TH' NOSE FOR NABOBS, STARHOUND!! THAT MAKES AN EVEN DOZEN CELEBS FLUSHED OUT IN ONE OUTING!
A BAKER'S DOZEN, S.L.! I'M PICKING UP TH' UNMISTAKABLE ESSENCE OF ANDIE MACDOWELL!
WOW! IT'S HER!
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS!! NOW I'M HOLDING UP A NAPKIN USED JUST YESTERDAY BY A FADED ROCK ICON OF TH' EIGHTIES--WHO CAN SNIFF TH' FADED CELEB?
IS IT EDDIE MONEY?
I KNOW! ONE OF TH' OSMONDS!!
MONDAY!!
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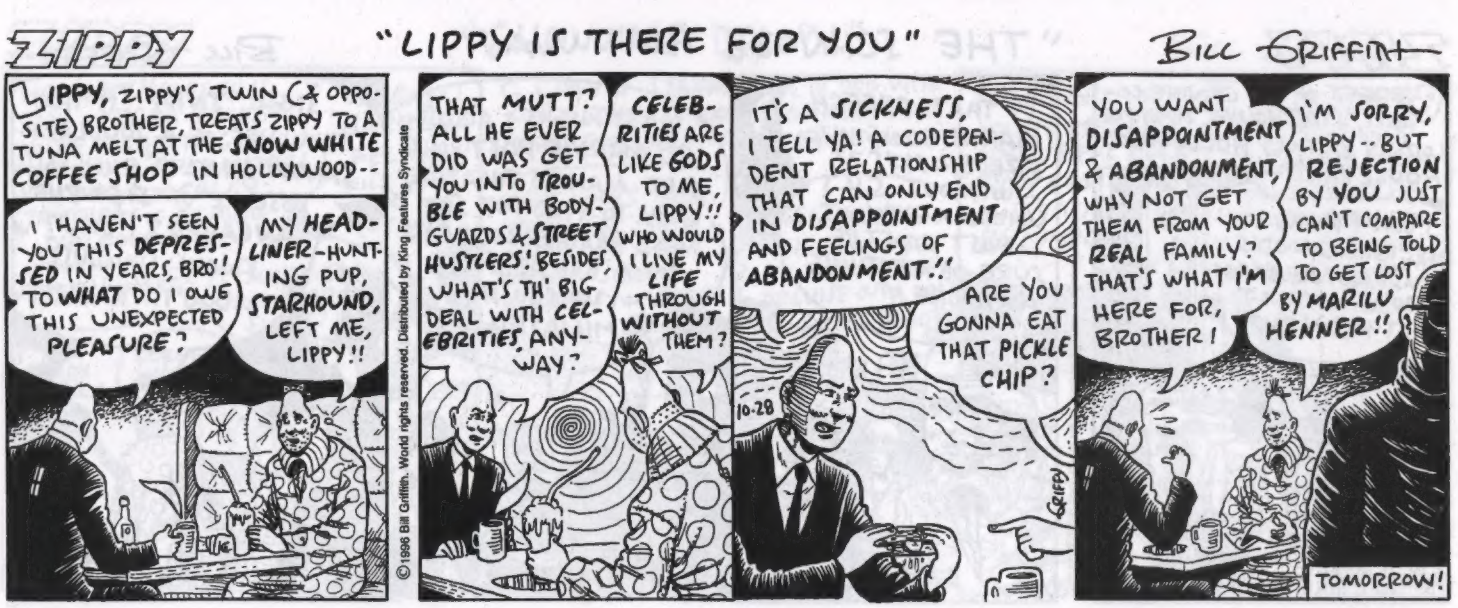
ZIPPY
"LIPPY IS THERE FOR YOU"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY, ZIPPY'S TWIN (& OPPOSITE) BROTHER, TREATS ZIPPY TO A TUNA MELT AT THE SNOW WHITE COFFEE SHOP IN HOLLYWOOD--
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU THIS DEPRESSED IN YEARS, BRO'! TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS UNEXPECTED PLEASURE?
MY HEADLINER-HUNTING PUP, STARHOUND, LEFT ME, LIPPY!!
THAT MUTT? ALL HE EVER DID WAS GET YOU INTO TROUBLE WITH BODYGUARDS & STREET HUSTLERS! BESIDES, WHAT'S TH' BIG DEAL WITH CELEBRITIES, ANYWAY?
CELEBRITIES ARE LIKE GODS TO ME, LIPPY!! WHO WOULD I LIVE MY LIFE THROUGH WITHOUT THEM?
IT'S A SICKNESS, I TELL YA! A CODEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP THAT CAN ONLY END IN DISAPPOINTMENT AND FEELINGS OF ABANDONMENT!!
ARE YOU GONNA EAT THAT PICKLE CHIP?
10-28
GRIFFY
YOU WANT DISAPPOINTMENT & ABANDONMENT, WHY NOT GET THEM FROM YOUR REAL FAMILY? THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR, BROTHER!
I'M SORRY, LIPPY -- BUT REJECTION BY YOU JUST CAN'T COMPARE TO BEING TOLD TO GET LOST BY MARILU HENNER!!
TOMORROW!
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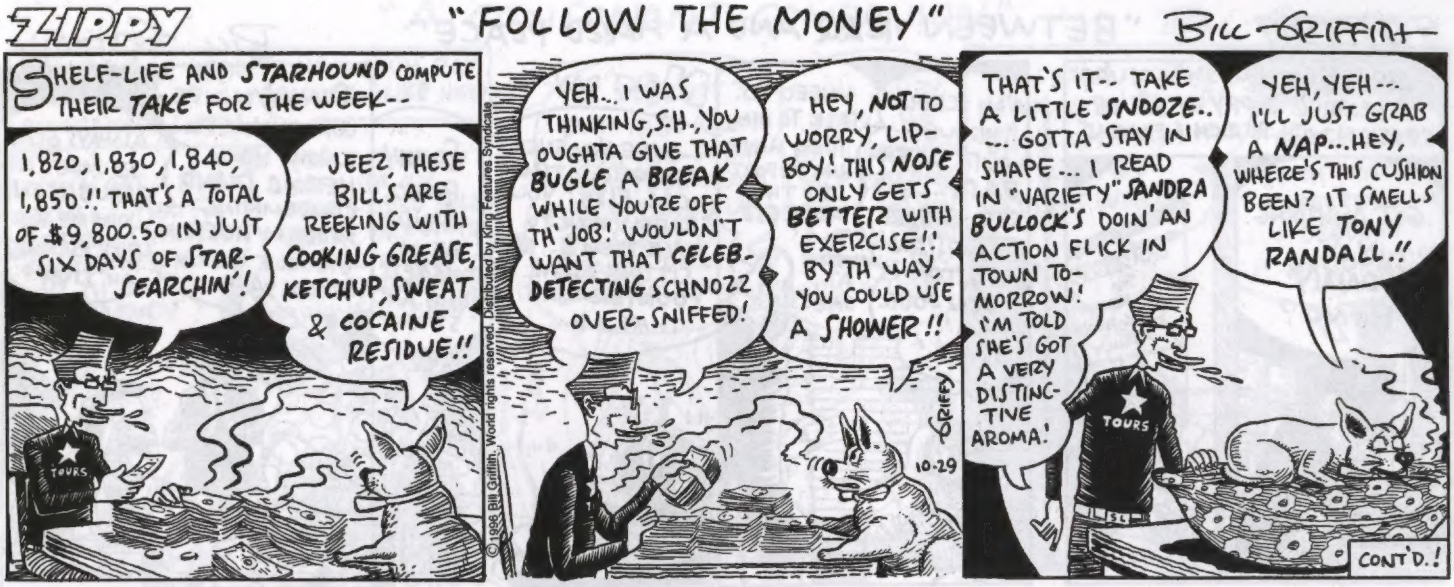
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"FOLLOW THE MONEY"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE AND STARHOUND COMPUTE THEIR TAKE FOR THE WEEK--
1,820, 1,830, 1,840, 1,850!! THAT'S A TOTAL OF $9,800.50 IN JUST SIX DAYS OF STAR-SEARCHIN'!
JEEZ, THESE BILLS ARE REEKING WITH COOKING GREASE, KETCHUP, SWEAT & COCAINE RESIDUE!!
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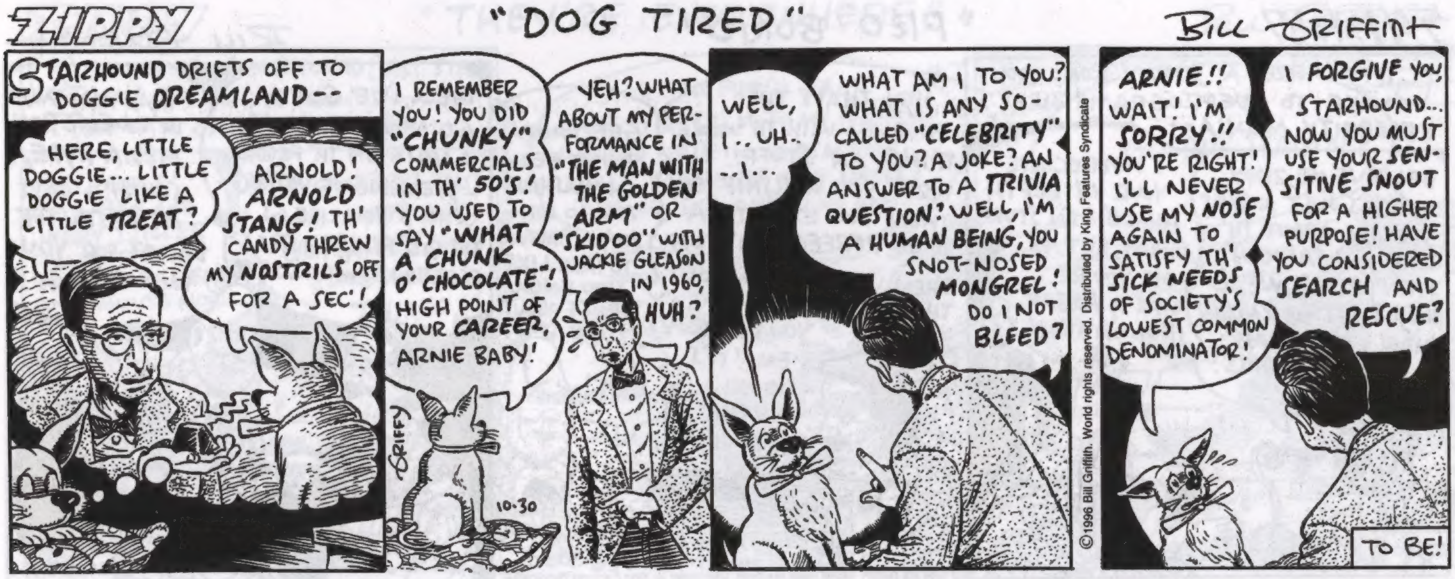
YEH.. I WAS THINKING, S.H., YOU OUGHTA GIVE THAT BUGLE A BREAK WHILE YOU'RE OFF TH' JOB! WOULDN'T WANT THAT CELEB-DETECTING SCHNOZZ OVER-SNIFFED!
HEY, NOT TO WORRY, LIP-BOY! THIS NOSE ONLY GETS BETTER WITH EXERCISE!! BY TH' WAY, YOU COULD USE A SHOWER!!
GRIFFY
10-29
THAT'S IT-- TAKE A LITTLE SNOOZE.. ... GOTTA STAY IN SHAPE... I READ IN "VARIETY" SANDRA BULLOCK'S DOIN' AN ACTION FLICK IN TOWN TO-MORROW! I'M TOLD SHE'S GOT A VERY DISTINC-TIVE AROMA!
YEH, YEH--- I'LL JUST GRAB A NAP...HEY, WHERE'S THIS CUSHION BEEN? IT SMELLS LIKE TONY RANDALL!!
TOURS
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"DOG TIRED"
BILL GRIFFITH
STARHOUND DRIFTS OFF TO DOGGIE DREAMLAND--
HERE, LITTLE DOGGIE... LITTLE DOGGIE LIKE A LITTLE TREAT?
ARNOLD! ARNOLD STANG! TH' CANDY THREW MY NOSTRILS OFF FOR A SEC'!
I REMEMBER YOU! YOU DID "CHUNKY" COMMERCIALS IN TH' 50'S! YOU USED TO SAY "WHAT A CHUNK O' CHOCOLATE"! HIGH POINT OF YOUR CAREER, ARNIE BABY!
YEH? WHAT ABOUT MY PER-FORMANCE IN "THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN ARM" OR "SKIDOO" WITH JACKIE GLEASON IN 1960, HUH?
GRIFFY
10-30
WELL, I.. UH.. ..I...
WHAT AM I TO YOU? WHAT IS ANY SO-CALLED "CELEBRITY" TO YOU? A JOKE? AN ANSWER TO A TRIVIA QUESTION? WELL, I'M A HUMAN BEING, YOU SNOT-NOSED MONGREL! DO I NOT BLEED?
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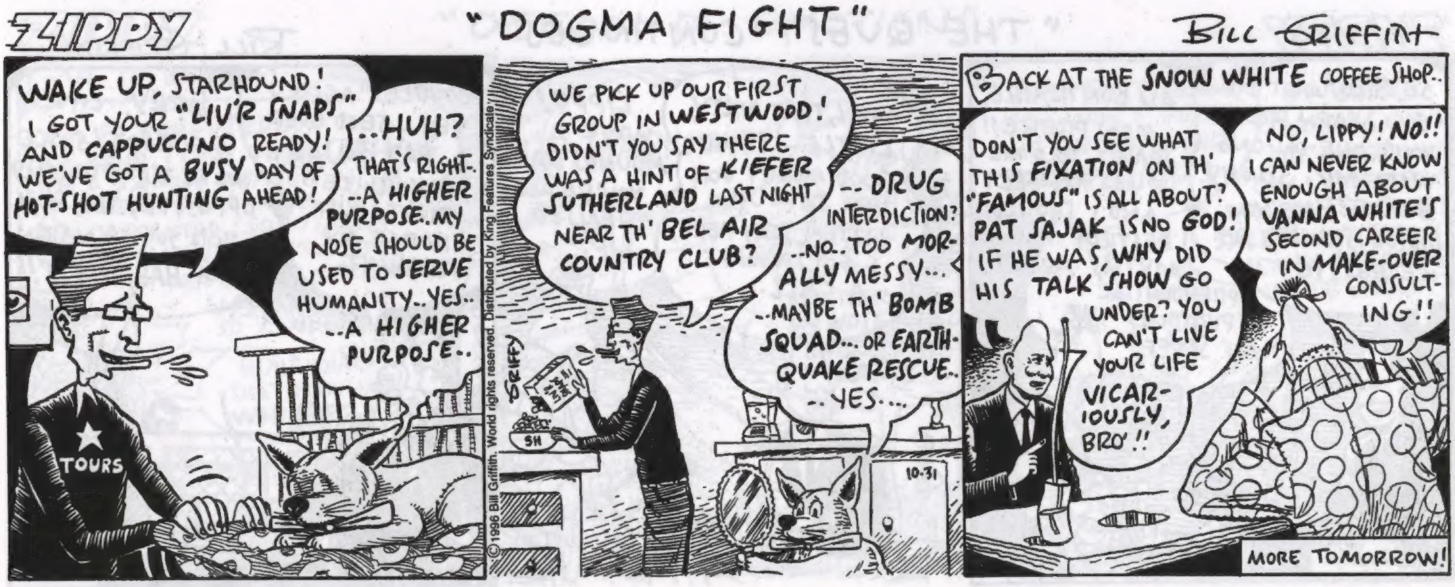
ARNIE!! WAIT! I'M SORRY!! YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL NEVER USE MY NOSE AGAIN TO SATISFY TH' SICK NEEDS OF SOCIETY'S LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR!
I FORGIVE YOU, STARHOUND... NOW YOU MUST USE YOUR SEN-SITIVE SNOUT FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE! HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SEARCH AND RESCUE?
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"DOGMA FIGHT"
BILL GRIFFITH
WAKE UP, STARHOUND! I GOT YOUR "LIV'R SNAPS" AND CAPPUCCINO READY! WE'VE GOT A BUSY DAY OF HOT-SHOT HUNTING AHEAD!
..HUH? THAT'S RIGHT. ..A HIGHER PURPOSE..MY NOSE SHOULD BE USED TO SERVE HUMANITY..YES.. ..A HIGHER PURPOSE..
TOURS
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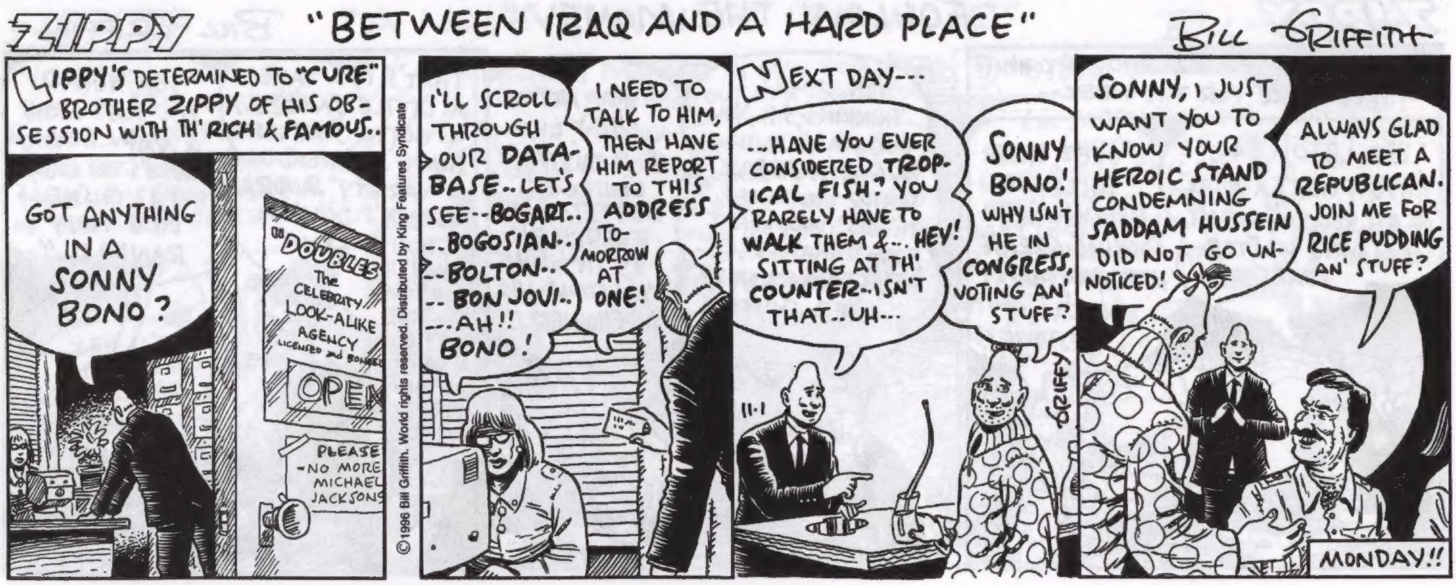
GRIFFY
WE PICK UP OUR FIRST GROUP IN WESTWOOD! DIDN'T YOU SAY THERE WAS A HINT OF KIEFER SUTHERLAND LAST NIGHT NEAR TH' BEL AIR COUNTRY CLUB?
-- DRUG INTERDICTION? ..NO..TOO MOR-ALLY MESSY... ..MAYBE TH' BOMB SQUAD... OR EARTH-QUAKE RESCUE.. ..YES....
SH
10-31
BACK AT THE SNOW WHITE COFFEE SHOP..
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT THIS FIXATION ON TH' "FAMOUS" IS ALL ABOUT? PAT SAJAK IS NO GOD! IF HE WAS, WHY DID HIS TALK SHOW GO UNDER? YOU CAN'T LIVE YOUR LIFE VICAR-IOUSLY, BRO'!!
NO, LIPPY! NO!! I CAN NEVER KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT VANNA WHITE'S SECOND CAREER IN MAKE-OVER CONSULT-ING!!
MORE TOMORROW!


ZIPPY
"BETWEEN IRAQ AND A HARD PLACE"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY'S DETERMINED TO "CURE" BROTHER ZIPPY OF HIS OBSESSION WITH TH' RICH & FAMOUS..
GOT ANYTHING IN A SONNY BONO?
DOUBLES The CELEBRITY LOOK-ALIKE AGENCY LICENSED and BONDED
OPEN
PLEASE -NO MORE MICHAEL JACKSONS
I'LL SCROLL THROUGH OUR DATABASE.. LET'S SEE--BOGART.. ..BOGOSIAN.. ..BOLTON.. ..BON JOVI.. ...AH!! BONO!
I NEED TO TALK TO HIM, THEN HAVE HIM REPORT TO THIS ADDRESS TOMORROW AT ONE!
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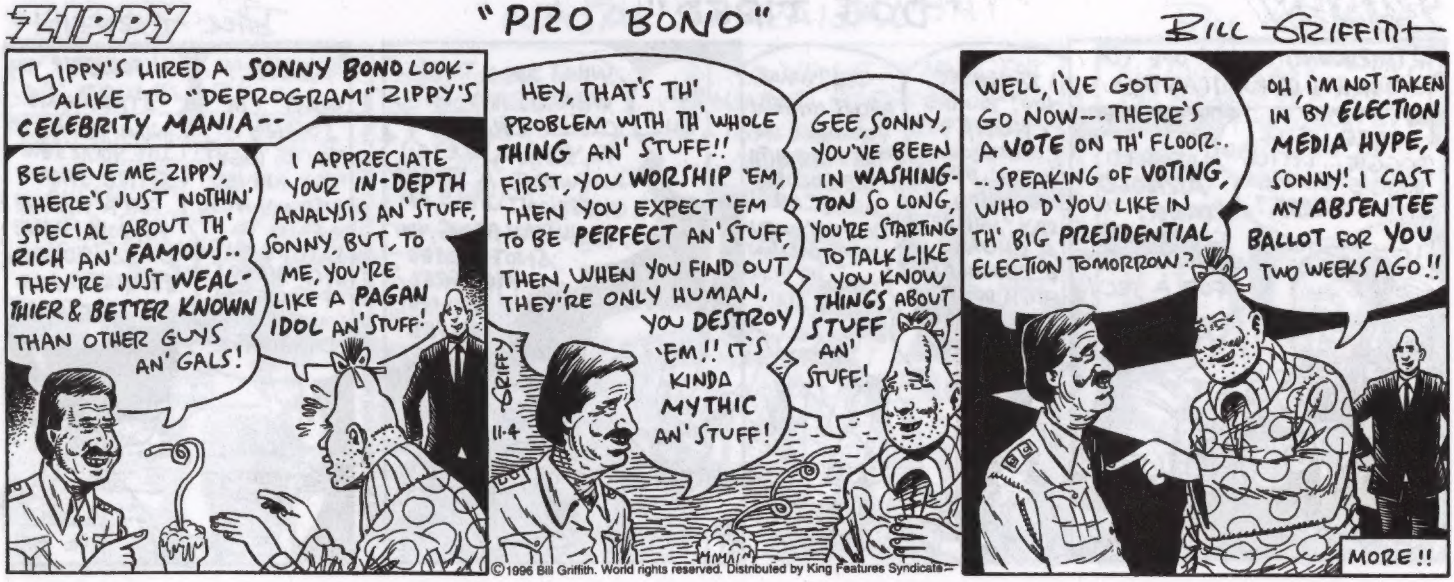
NEXT DAY---
..HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED TROPICAL FISH? YOU RARELY HAVE TO WALK THEM &... HEY! SITTING AT TH' COUNTER..ISN'T THAT..UH...
SONNY BONO! WHY ISN'T HE IN CONGRESS, VOTING AN' STUFF?
11-1
GRIFFY
SONNY, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW YOUR HEROIC STAND CONDEMNING SADDAM HUSSEIN DID NOT GO UNNOTICED!
ALWAYS GLAD TO MEET A REPUBLICAN. JOIN ME FOR RICE PUDDING AN' STUFF?
MONDAY!!


ZIPPY
"PRO BONO"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY'S HIRED A SONNY BONO LOOK-ALIKE TO "DEPROGRAM" ZIPPY'S CELEBRITY MANIA--
BELIEVE ME, ZIPPY, THERE'S JUST NOTHIN' SPECIAL ABOUT TH' RICH AN' FAMOUS.. THEY'RE JUST WEALTHIER & BETTER KNOWN THAN OTHER GUYS AN' GALS!
I APPRECIATE YOUR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS AN' STUFF, SONNY, BUT, TO ME, YOU'RE LIKE A PAGAN IDOL AN' STUFF!
HEY, THAT'S TH' PROBLEM WITH TH' WHOLE THING AN' STUFF!! FIRST, YOU WORSHIP 'EM, THEN YOU EXPECT 'EM TO BE PERFECT AN' STUFF, THEN, WHEN YOU FIND OUT THEY'RE ONLY HUMAN, YOU DESTROY 'EM!! IT'S KINDA MYTHIC AN' STUFF!
GEE, SONNY, YOU'VE BEEN IN WASHINGTON SO LONG, YOU'RE STARTING TO TALK LIKE YOU KNOW THINGS ABOUT STUFF AN' STUFF!
GRIFFY
11-4
HMMM
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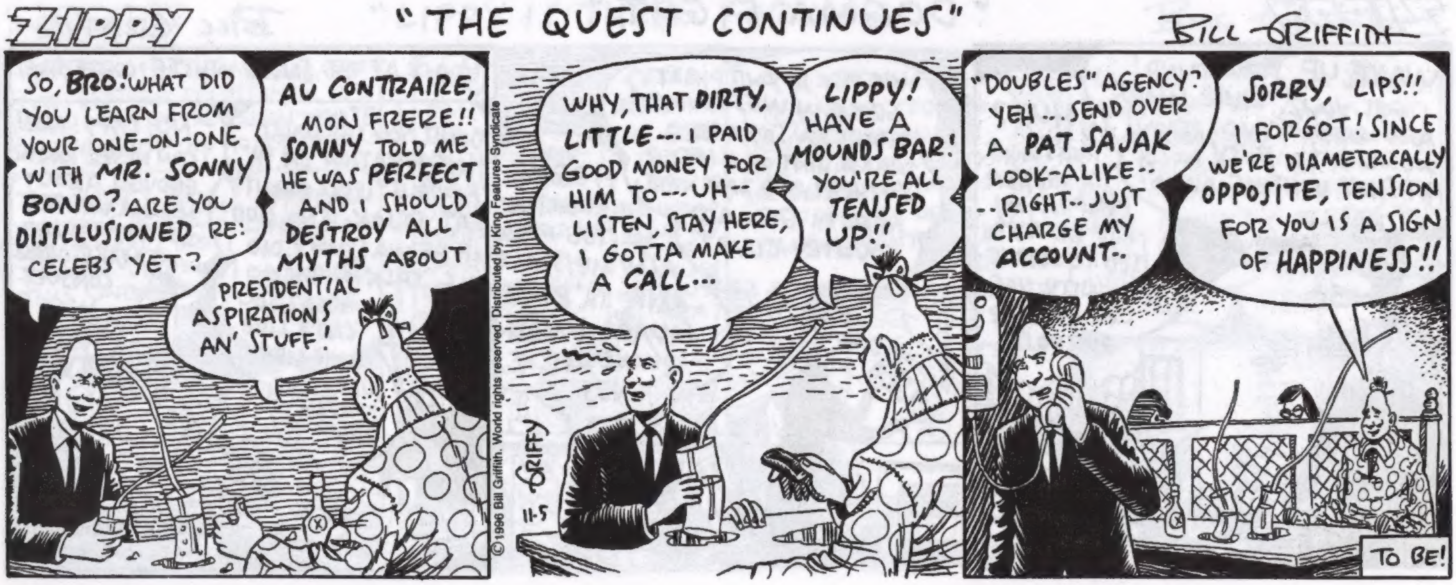
WELL, I'VE GOTTA GO NOW--. THERE'S A VOTE ON TH' FLOOR.. ..SPEAKING OF VOTING, WHO D'YOU LIKE IN TH' BIG PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TOMORROW?
OH, I'M NOT TAKEN IN BY ELECTION MEDIA HYPE, SONNY! I CAST MY ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR YOU TWO WEEKS AGO!!
MORE!!


ZIPPY
"THE QUEST CONTINUES"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, BRO! WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR ONE-ON-ONE WITH MR. SONNY BONO? ARE YOU DISILLUSIONED RE: CELEBS YET?
AU CONTRAIRE, MON FRERE!! SONNY TOLD ME HE WAS PERFECT AND I SHOULD DESTROY ALL MYTHS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS AN' STUFF!
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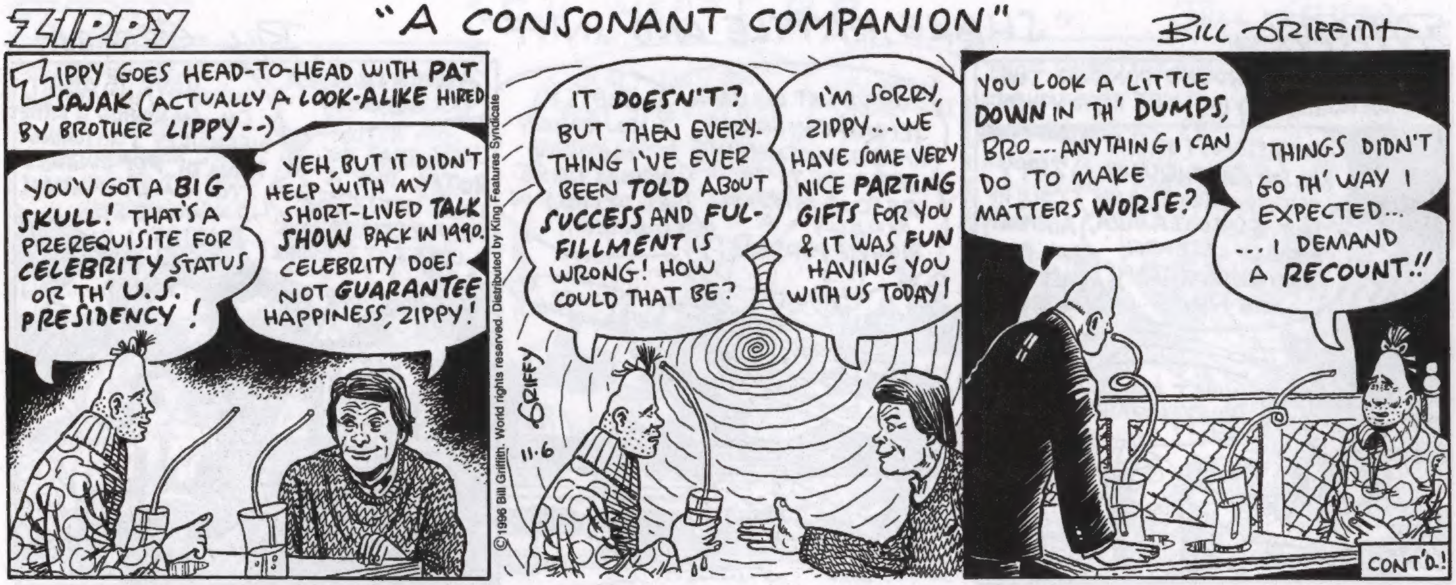
WHY, THAT DIRTY, LITTLE--- I PAID GOOD MONEY FOR HIM TO--- UH-- LISTEN, STAY HERE, I GOTTA MAKE A CALL...
LIPPY! HAVE A MOUNDS BAR! YOU'RE ALL TENSED UP!!
GRIFFY
11-5
"DOUBLES" AGENCY? YEH ... SEND OVER A PAT SAJAK LOOK-ALIKE-- ..RIGHT.. JUST CHARGE MY ACCOUNT..
SORRY, LIPS!! I FORGOT! SINCE WE'RE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE, TENSION FOR YOU IS A SIGN OF HAPPINESS!!
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"A CONSONANT COMPANION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY GOES HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH PAT SAJAK (ACTUALLY A LOOK-ALIKE HIRED BY BROTHER LIPPY--)
YOU'V GOT A BIG SKULL! THAT'S A PREREQUISITE FOR CELEBRITY STATUS OR TH' U.S. PRESIDENCY!
YEH, BUT IT DIDN'T HELP WITH MY SHORT-LIVED TALK SHOW BACK IN 1990. CELEBRITY DOES NOT GUARANTEE HAPPINESS, ZIPPY!
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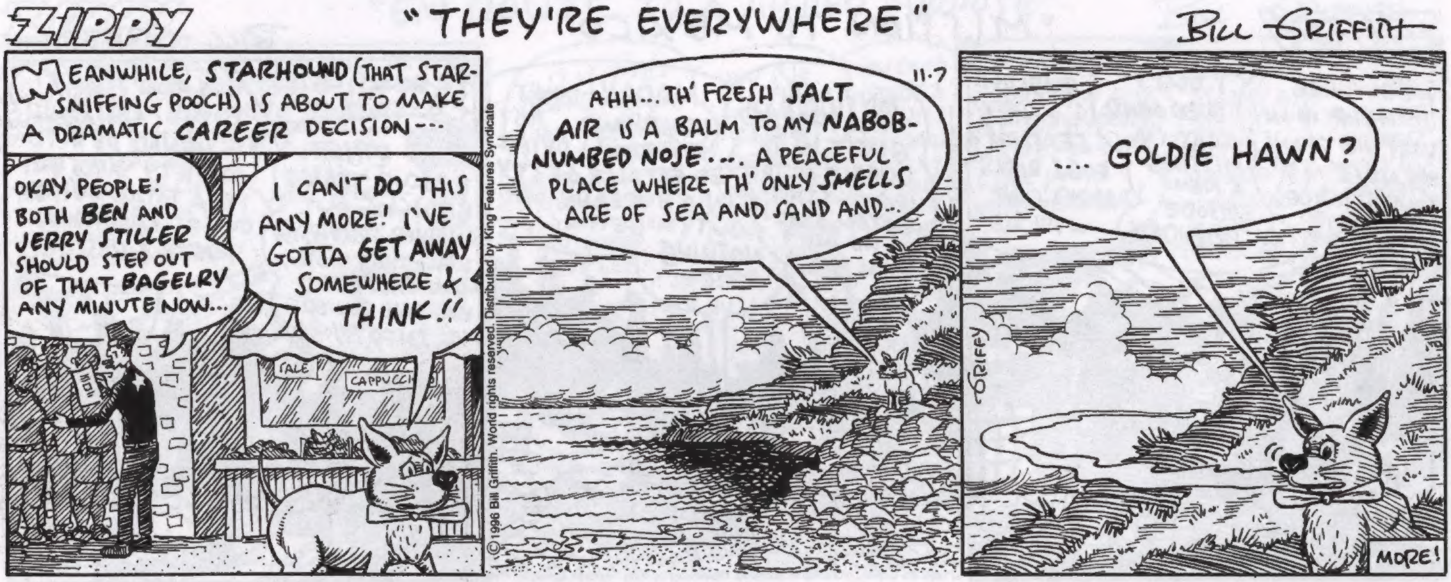
IT DOESN'T? BUT THEN EVERYTHING I'VE EVER BEEN TOLD ABOUT SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IS WRONG! HOW COULD THAT BE?
I'M SORRY, ZIPPY... WE HAVE SOME VERY NICE PARTING GIFTS FOR YOU & IT WAS FUN HAVING YOU WITH US TODAY!
GRIFFY
11.6
YOU LOOK A LITTLE DOWN IN TH' DUMPS, BRO... ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE?
THINGS DIDN'T GO TH' WAY I EXPECTED... ...I DEMAND A RECOUNT!!
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"THEY'RE EVERYWHERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, STARHOUND (THAT STAR-SNIFFING POOCH) IS ABOUT TO MAKE A DRAMATIC CAREER DECISION---
OKAY, PEOPLE! BOTH BEN AND JERRY STILLER SHOULD STEP OUT OF THAT BAGELRY ANY MINUTE NOW...
I CAN'T DO THIS ANY MORE! I'VE GOTTA GET AWAY SOMEWHERE & THINK!!
SALE
CAPPUCCI
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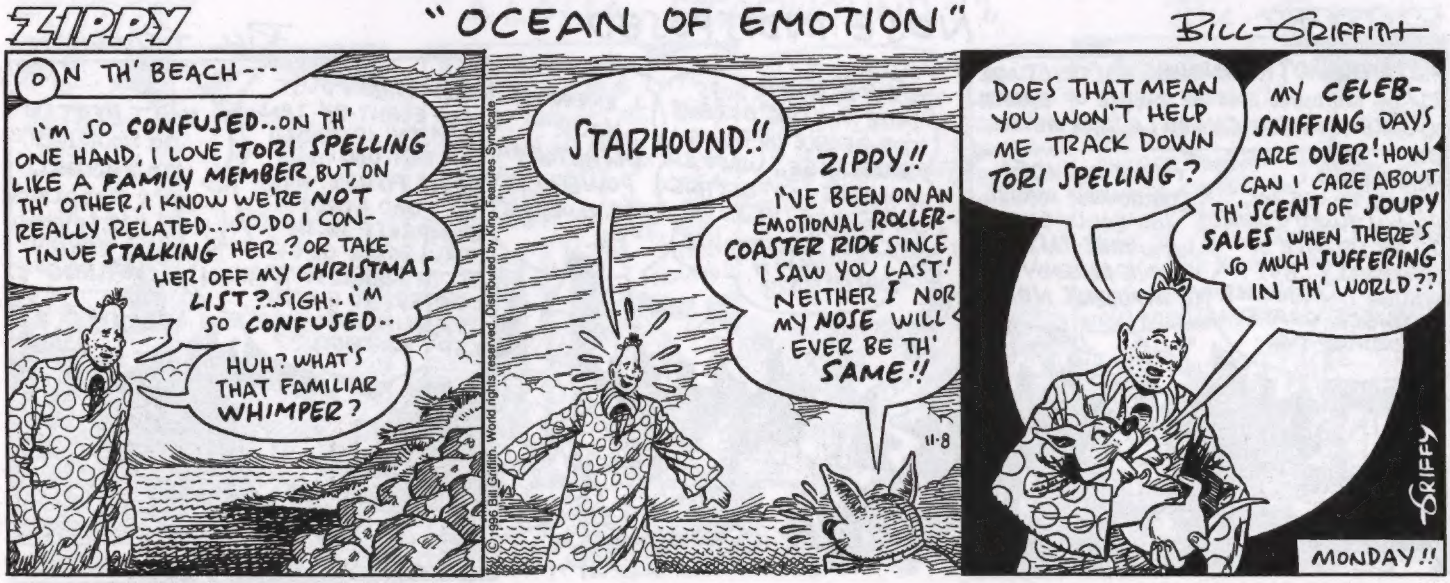
11.7
AHH... TH' FRESH SALT AIR IS A BALM TO MY NABOB-NUMBED NOSE.... A PEACEFUL PLACE WHERE TH' ONLY SMELLS ARE OF SEA AND SAND AND...
GRIFFY
.... GOLDIE HAWN?
MORE!


ZIPPY
"OCEAN OF EMOTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ON TH' BEACH---
I'M SO CONFUSED.. ON TH' ONE HAND, I LOVE TORI SPELLING LIKE A FAMILY MEMBER, BUT, ON TH' OTHER, I KNOW WE'RE NOT REALLY RELATED... SO, DO I CONTINUE STALKING HER? OR TAKE HER OFF MY CHRISTMAS LIST?.. SIGH.. I'M SO CONFUSED..
HUH? WHAT'S THAT FAMILIAR WHIMPER?
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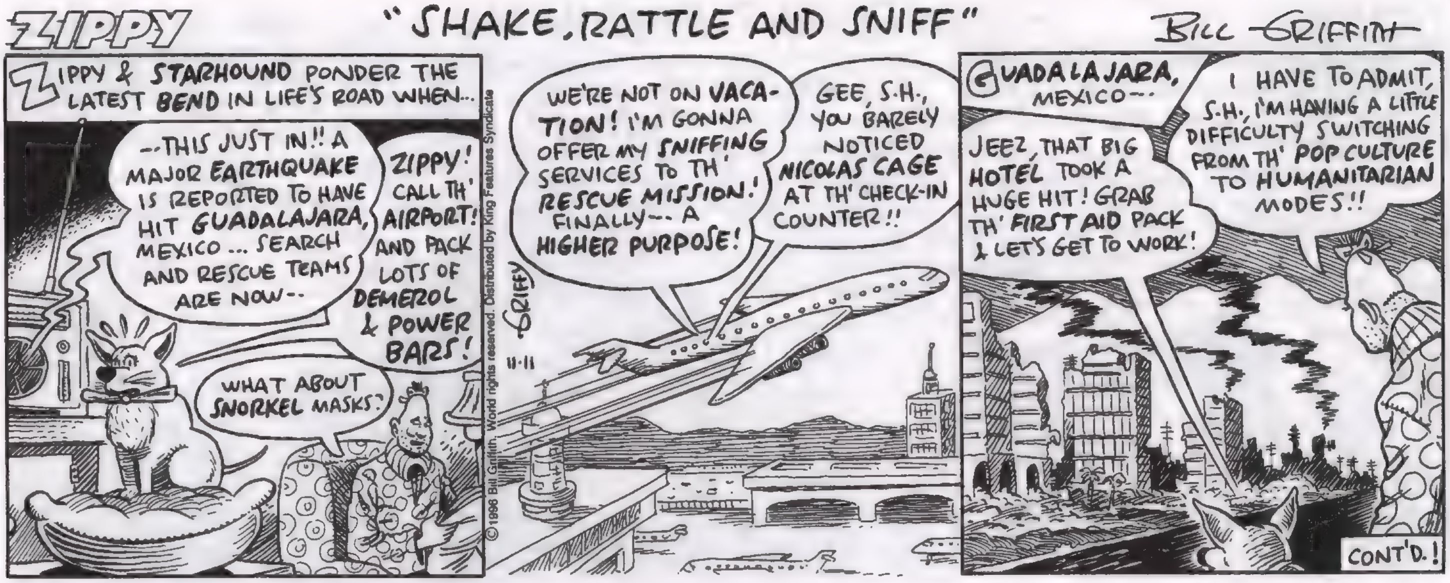
STARHOUND!!
ZIPPY!! I'VE BEEN ON AN EMOTIONAL ROLLER-COASTER RIDE SINCE I SAW YOU LAST! NEITHER I NOR MY NOSE WILL EVER BE TH' SAME!!
11.8
DOES THAT MEAN YOU WON'T HELP ME TRACK DOWN TORI SPELLING?
MY CELEB-SNIFFING DAYS ARE OVER! HOW CAN I CARE ABOUT TH' SCENT OF SOUPY SALES WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH SUFFERING IN TH' WORLD??
GRIFFY
MONDAY!!


ZIPPY
"SHAKE, RATTLE AND SNIFF"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & STARHOUND PONDER THE LATEST BEND IN LIFE'S ROAD WHEN...
--THIS JUST IN!! A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE IS REPORTED TO HAVE HIT GUADALAJARA, MEXICO ... SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS ARE NOW--
ZIPPY! CALL TH' AIRPORT! AND PACK LOTS OF DEMEROL & POWER BARS!
WHAT ABOUT SNORKEL MASKS?
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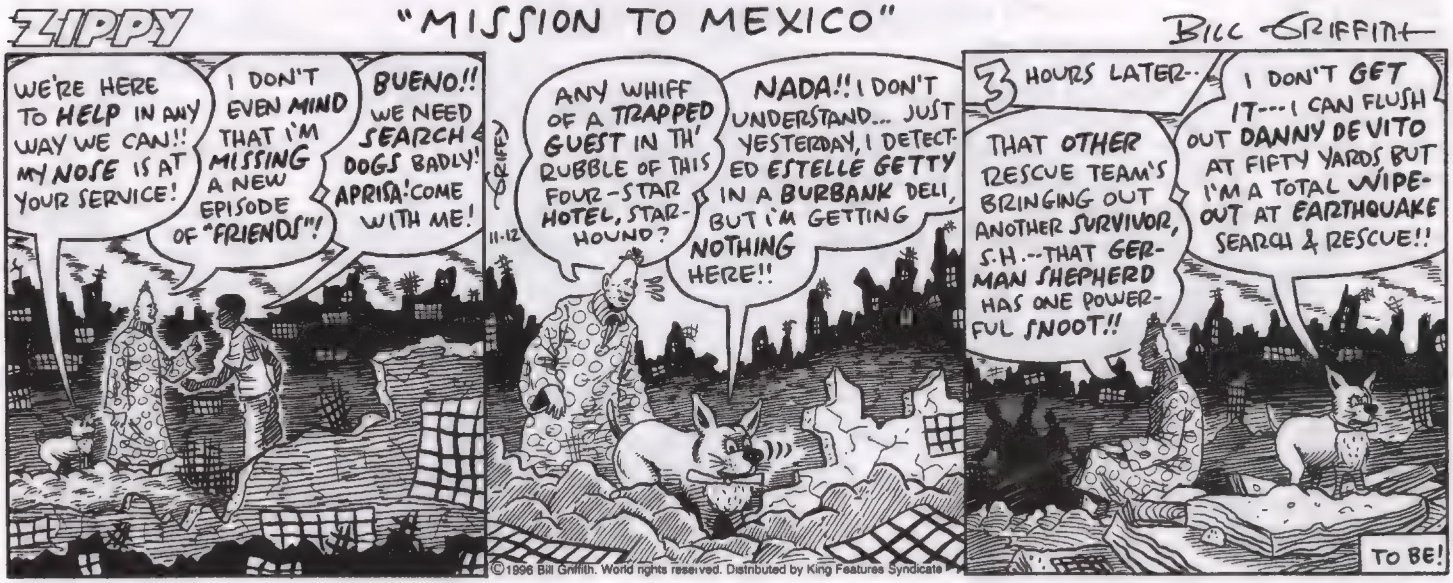
GRIFFY
11-11
WE'RE NOT ON VACATION! I'M GONNA OFFER MY SNIFFING SERVICES TO TH' RESCUE MISSION! FINALLY-- A HIGHER PURPOSE!
GEE, S.H., YOU BARELY NOTICED NICOLAS CAGE AT TH' CHECK-IN COUNTER!!
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO--
JEEZ, THAT BIG HOTEL TOOK A HUGE HIT! GRAB TH' FIRST AID PACK & LET'S GET TO WORK!
I HAVE TO ADMIT, S.H., I'M HAVING A LITTLE DIFFICULTY SWITCHING FROM TH' POP CULTURE TO HUMANITARIAN MODES!!
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"MISSION TO MEXICO"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'RE HERE TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN!! MY NOSE IS AT YOUR SERVICE!
I DON'T EVEN MIND THAT I'M MISSING A NEW EPISODE OF "FRIENDS"!
BUENO!! WE NEED SEARCH DOGS BADLY! APRISA! COME WITH ME!
GRIFFY
11-12
ANY WHIFF OF A TRAPPED GUEST IN TH' RUBBLE OF THIS FOUR-STAR HOTEL, STARHOUND?
NADA!! I DON'T UNDERSTAND... JUST YESTERDAY, I DETECTED ESTELLE GETTY IN A BURBANK DELI, BUT I'M GETTING NOTHING HERE!!
3 HOURS LATER--
THAT OTHER RESCUE TEAM'S BRINGING OUT ANOTHER SURVIVOR, S.H.--THAT GERMAN SHEPHERD HAS ONE POWERFUL SNOOT!!
I DON'T GET IT---I CAN FLUSH OUT DANNY DE VITO AT FIFTY YARDS BUT I'M A TOTAL WIPE-OUT AT EARTHQUAKE SEARCH & RESCUE!!
TO BE!
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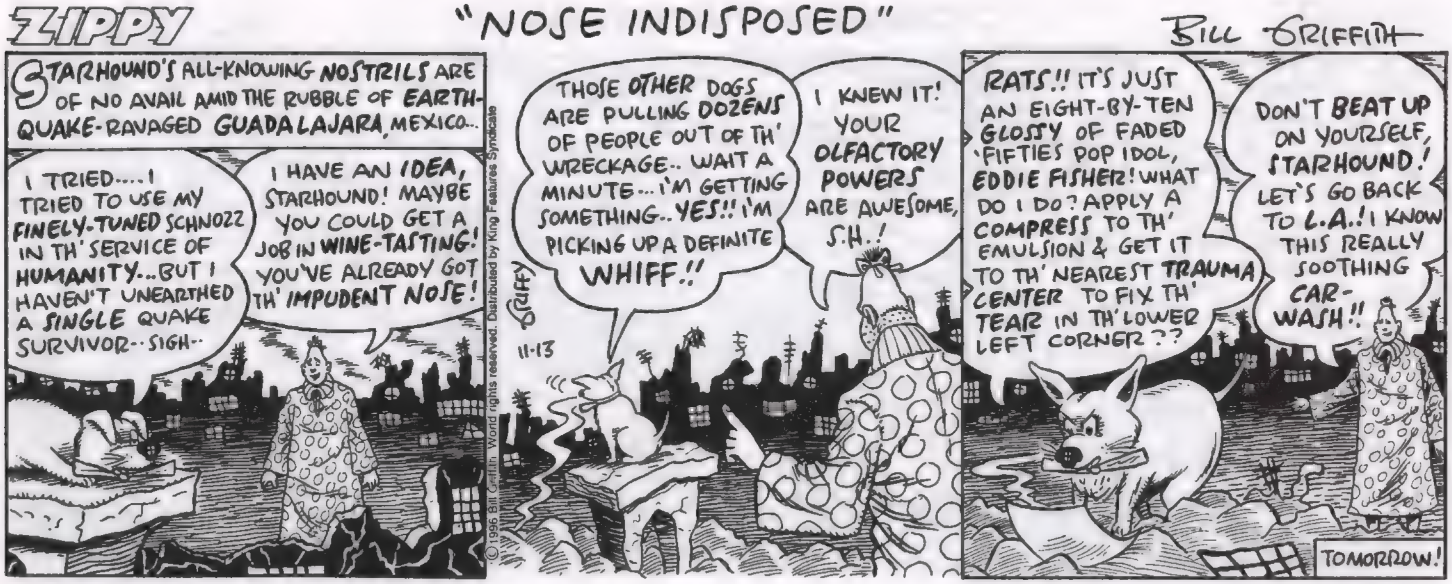
ZIPPY
"NOSE INDISPOSED"
BILL GRIFFITH
STARHOUND'S ALL-KNOWING NOSTRILS ARE OF NO AVAIL AMID THE RUBBLE OF EARTHQUAKE-RAVAGED GUADALAJARA, MEXICO...
I TRIED....I TRIED TO USE MY FINELY-TUNED SCHNOZZ IN TH' SERVICE OF HUMANITY...BUT I HAVEN'T UNEARTHED A SINGLE QUAKE SURVIVOR.. SIGH..
I HAVE AN IDEA, STARHOUND! MAYBE YOU COULD GET A JOB IN WINE-TASTING! YOU'VE ALREADY GOT TH' IMPUDENT NOSE!
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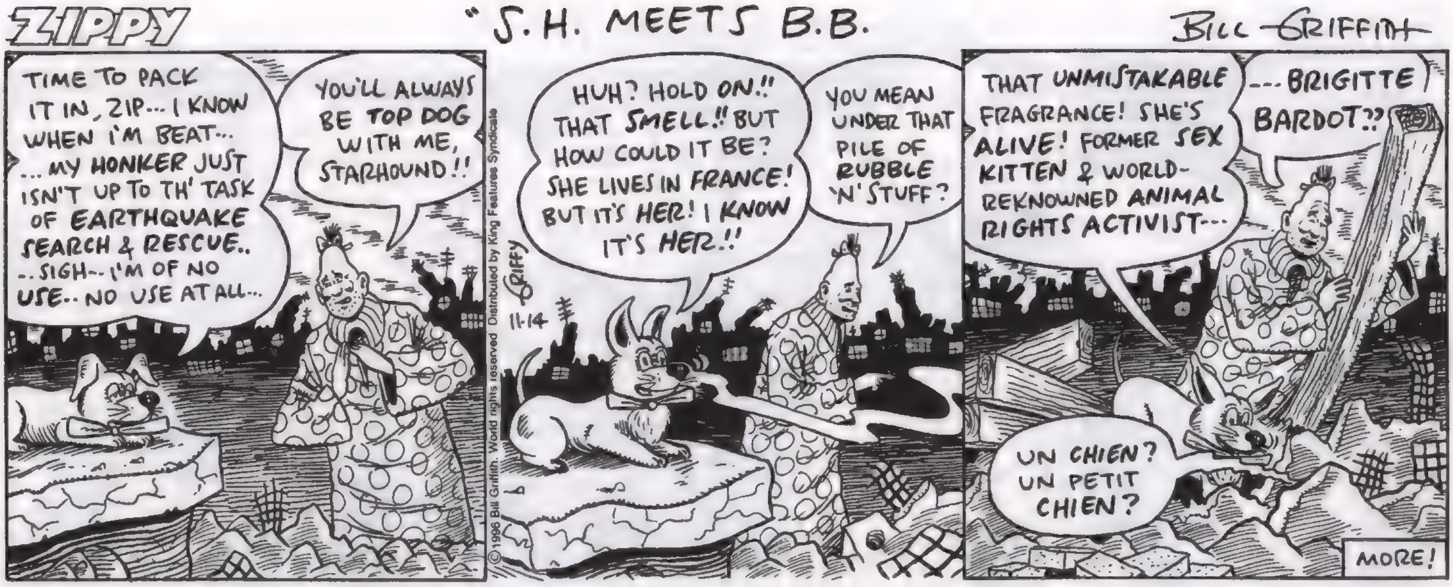
GRIFFY
11-13
THOSE OTHER DOGS ARE PULLING DOZENS OF PEOPLE OUT OF TH' WRECKAGE.. WAIT A MINUTE... I'M GETTING SOMETHING.. YES!! I'M PICKING UP A DEFINITE WHIFF!!
I KNEW IT! YOUR OLFACTORY POWERS ARE AWESOME, S.H.!
RATS!! IT'S JUST AN EIGHT-BY-TEN GLOSSY OF FADED 'FIFTIES POP IDOL, EDDIE FISHER! WHAT DO I DO? APPLY A COMPRESS TO TH' EMULSION & GET IT TO TH' NEAREST TRAUMA CENTER TO FIX TH' TEAR IN TH' LOWER LEFT CORNER??
DON'T BEAT UP ON YOURSELF, STARHOUND! LET'S GO BACK TO L.A.! I KNOW THIS REALLY SOOTHING CAR-WASH!!
TOMORROW!


ZIPPY
"S.H. MEETS B.B.
BILL GRIFFITH
TIME TO PACK IT IN, ZIP... I KNOW WHEN I'M BEAT... ...MY HONKER JUST ISN'T UP TO TH' TASK OF EARTHQUAKE SEARCH & RESCUE.. ..SIGH.. I'M OF NO USE.. NO USE AT ALL...
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE TOP DOG WITH ME, STARHOUND!!
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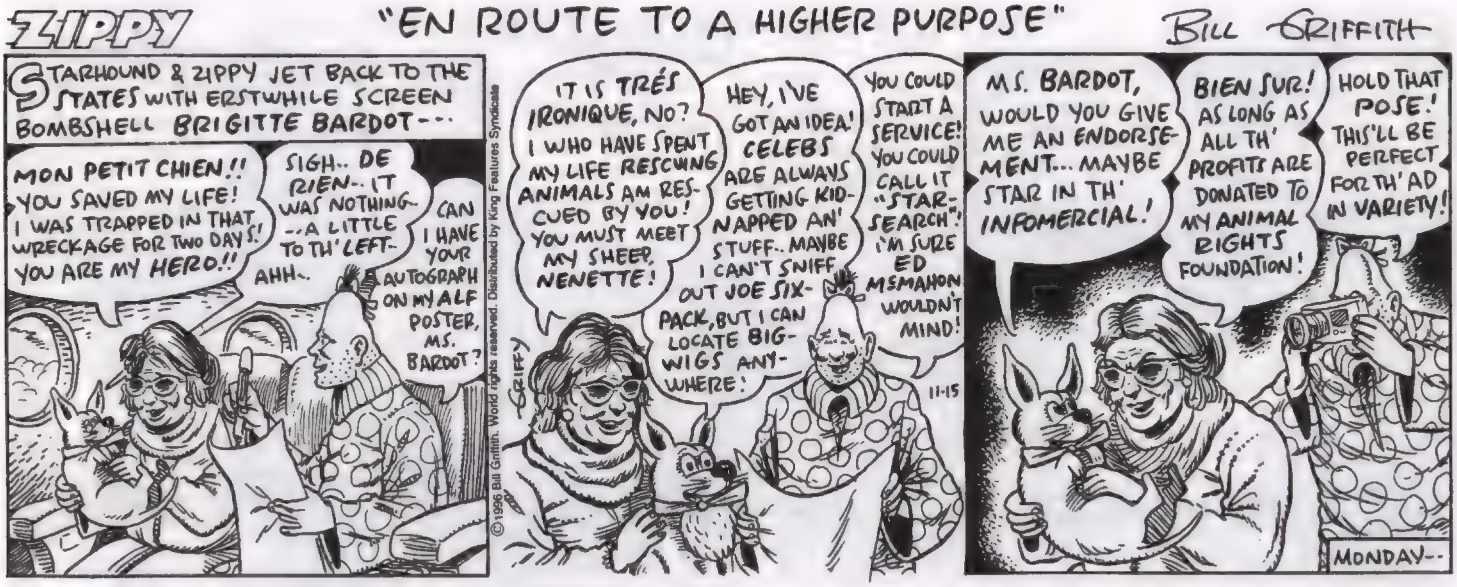
GRIFFY
11-14
HUH? HOLD ON!! THAT SMELL!! BUT HOW COULD IT BE? SHE LIVES IN FRANCE! BUT IT'S HER! I KNOW IT'S HER!!
YOU MEAN UNDER THAT PILE OF RUBBLE 'N' STUFF?
THAT UNMISTAKABLE FRAGRANCE! SHE'S ALIVE! FORMER SEX KITTEN & WORLD-REKNOWNED ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVIST---
---BRIGITTE BARDOT??
UN CHIEN? UN PETIT CHIEN?
MORE!


ZIPPY
"EN ROUTE TO A HIGHER PURPOSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
STARHOUND & ZIPPY JET BACK TO THE STATES WITH ERSTWHILE SCREEN BOMBSHELL BRIGITTE BARDOT---
MON PETIT CHIEN!! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! I WAS TRAPPED IN THAT WRECKAGE FOR TWO DAYS! YOU ARE MY HERO!!
SIGH.. DE RIEN.. IT WAS NOTHING.. --A LITTLE TO TH' LEFT.. AHH..
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH ON MY ALF POSTER, MS. BARDOT?
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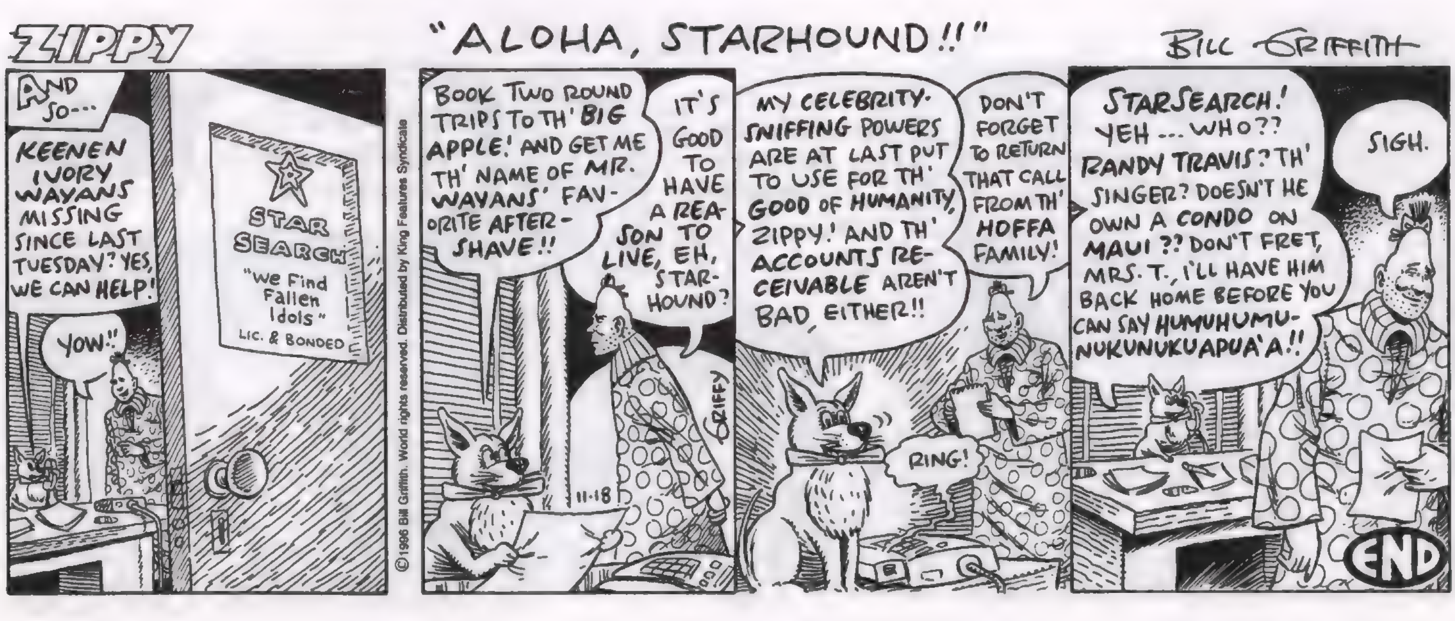
GRIFFY
IT IS TRÉS IRONIQUE, NO? I WHO HAVE SPENT MY LIFE RESCUING ANIMALS AM RESCUED BY YOU! YOU MUST MEET MY SHEEP, NENETTE!
HEY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! CELEBS ARE ALWAYS GETTING KIDNAPPED AN' STUFF.. MAYBE I CAN'T SNIFF OUT JOE SIX-PACK, BUT I CAN LOCATE BIGWIGS ANYWHERE!
YOU COULD START A SERVICE! YOU COULD CALL IT "STAR-SEARCH"! I'M SURE ED MCMAHON WOULDN'T MIND!
11-15
MS. BARDOT, WOULD YOU GIVE ME AN ENDORSEMENT... MAYBE STAR IN TH' INFOMERCIAL!
BIEN SUR! AS LONG AS ALL TH' PROFITS ARE DONATED TO MY ANIMAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION!
HOLD THAT POSE! THIS'LL BE PERFECT FOR TH' AD IN VARIETY!
MONDAY--


ZIPPY
"ALOHA, STARHOUND!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
AND SO---
KEENEN IVORY WAYANS MISSING SINCE LAST TUESDAY? YES, WE CAN HELP!
STAR SEARCH
"We Find Fallen Idols"
LIC. & BONDED
YOW!!
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BOOK TWO ROUND TRIPS TO TH' BIG APPLE! AND GET ME TH' NAME OF MR. WAYANS' FAVORITE AFTER-SHAVE!!
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A REASON TO LIVE, EH, STARHOUND?
GRIFFY
11-18
MY CELEBRITY-SNIFFING POWERS ARE AT LAST PUT TO USE FOR TH' GOOD OF HUMANITY, ZIPPY! AND TH' ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AREN'T BAD, EITHER!!
DON'T FORGET TO RETURN THAT CALL FROM TH' HOFFA FAMILY!
RING!
STARSEARCH! YEH --- WHO?? RANDY TRAVIS? TH' SINGER? DOESN'T HE OWN A CONDO ON MAUI?? DON'T FRET, MRS. T., I'LL HAVE HIM BACK HOME BEFORE YOU CAN SAY HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUAPUA'A!!
SIGH.
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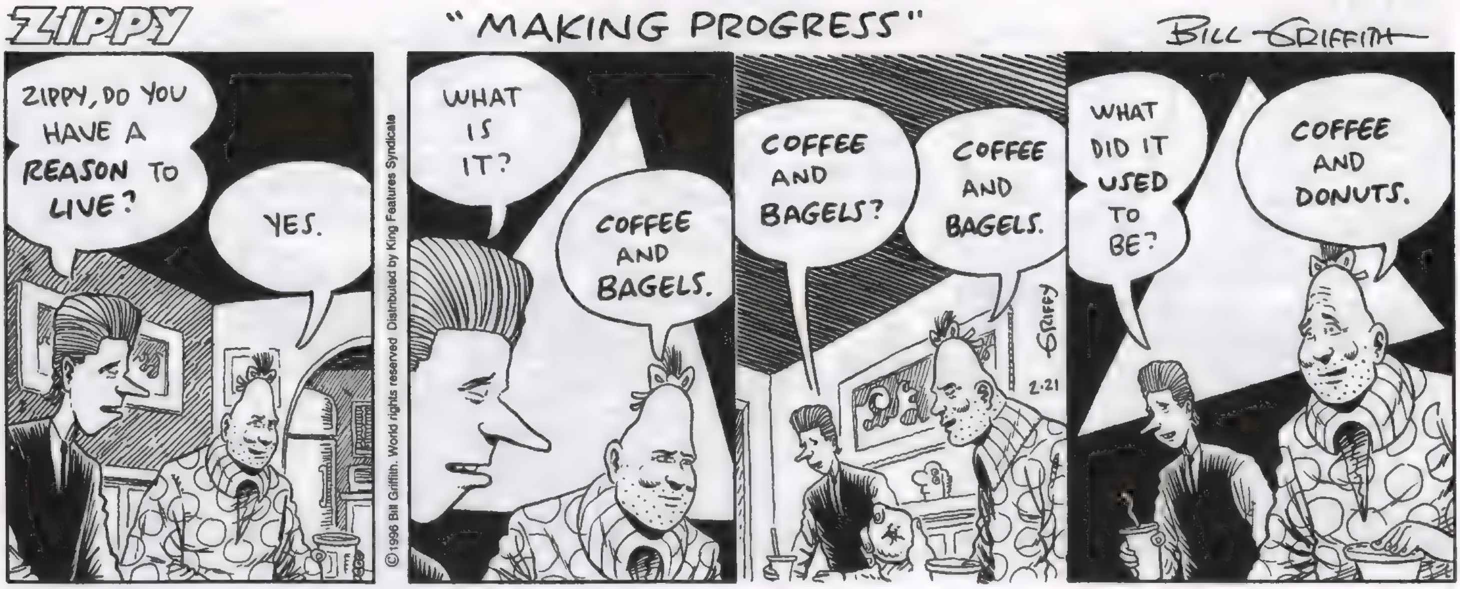
ZIPPY
"MAKING PROGRESS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU HAVE A REASON TO LIVE?
YES.
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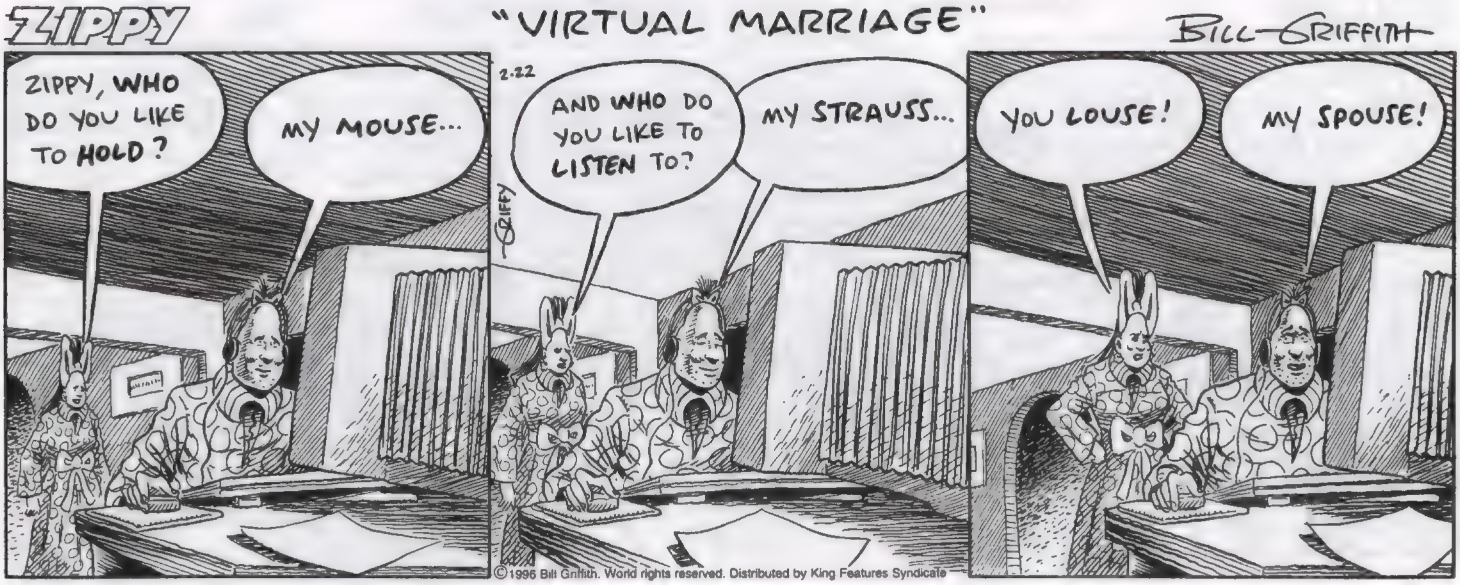
WHAT IS IT?
COFFEE AND BAGELS.
COFFEE AND BAGELS?
COFFEE AND BAGELS.
GRIFFY 2.21
WHAT DID IT USED TO BE?
COFFEE AND DONUTS.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"VIRTUAL MARRIAGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHO DO YOU LIKE TO HOLD?
MY MOUSE...
2.22
GRIFFY
AND WHO DO YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO?
MY STRAUSS...
YOU LOUSE!
MY SPOUSE!
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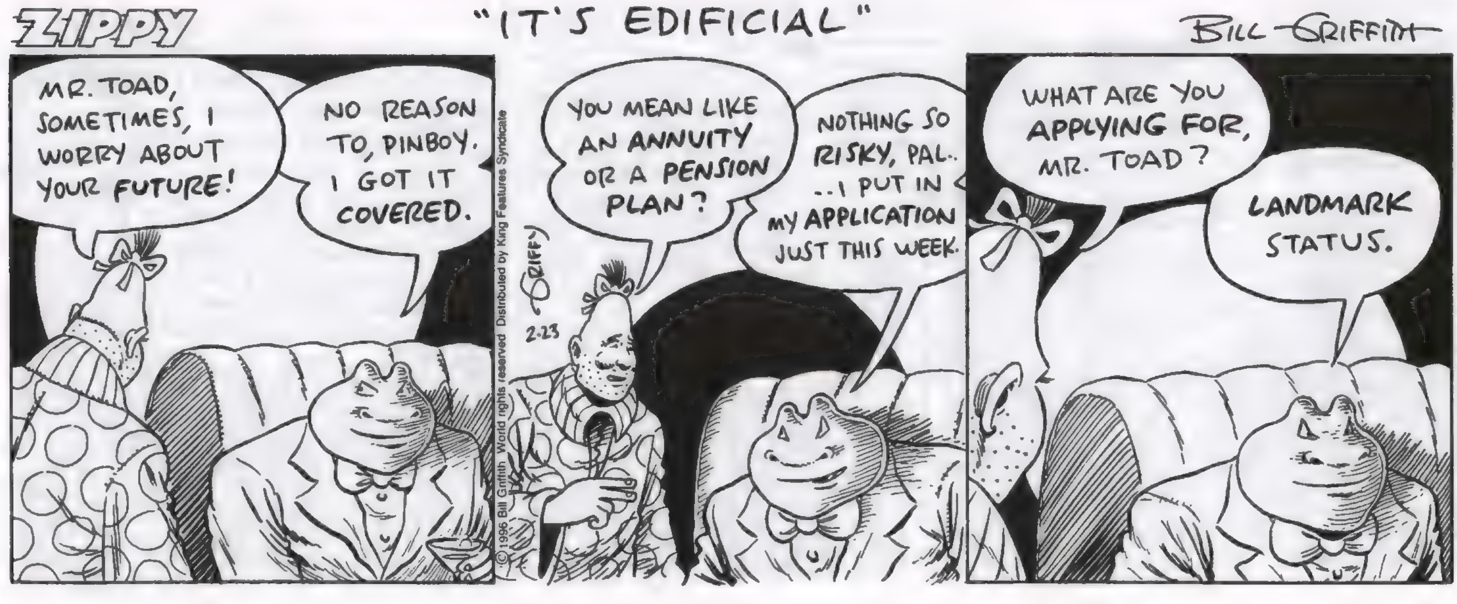
ZIPPY
"IT'S EDIFICIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, SOMETIMES, I WORRY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!
NO REASON TO, PINBOY. I GOT IT COVERED.
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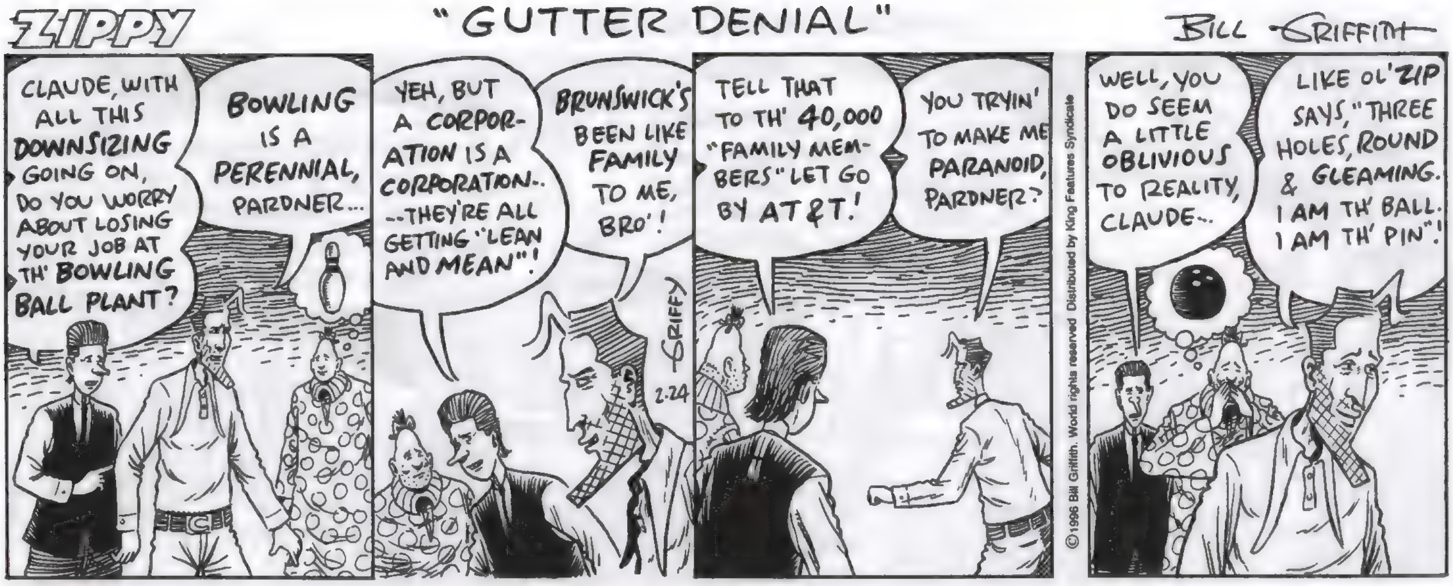
GRIFFY 2.23
YOU MEAN LIKE AN ANNUITY OR A PENSION PLAN?
NOTHING SO RISKY, PAL.. ..I PUT IN MY APPLICATION JUST THIS WEEK.
WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR, MR. TOAD?
LANDMARK STATUS.


ZIPPY
"GUTTER DENIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE, WITH ALL THIS DOWNSIZING GOING ON, DO YOU WORRY ABOUT LOSING YOUR JOB AT TH' BOWLING BALL PLANT?
BOWLING IS A PERENNIAL, PARDNER...
YEH, BUT A CORPORATION IS A CORPORATION.. --THEY'RE ALL GETTING "LEAN AND MEAN"!
BRUNSWICK'S BEEN LIKE FAMILY TO ME, BRO'!
GRIFFY
2-24
TELL THAT TO TH' 40,000 "FAMILY MEMBERS" LET GO BY AT&T!
YOU TRYIN' TO MAKE ME PARANOID, PARDNER?
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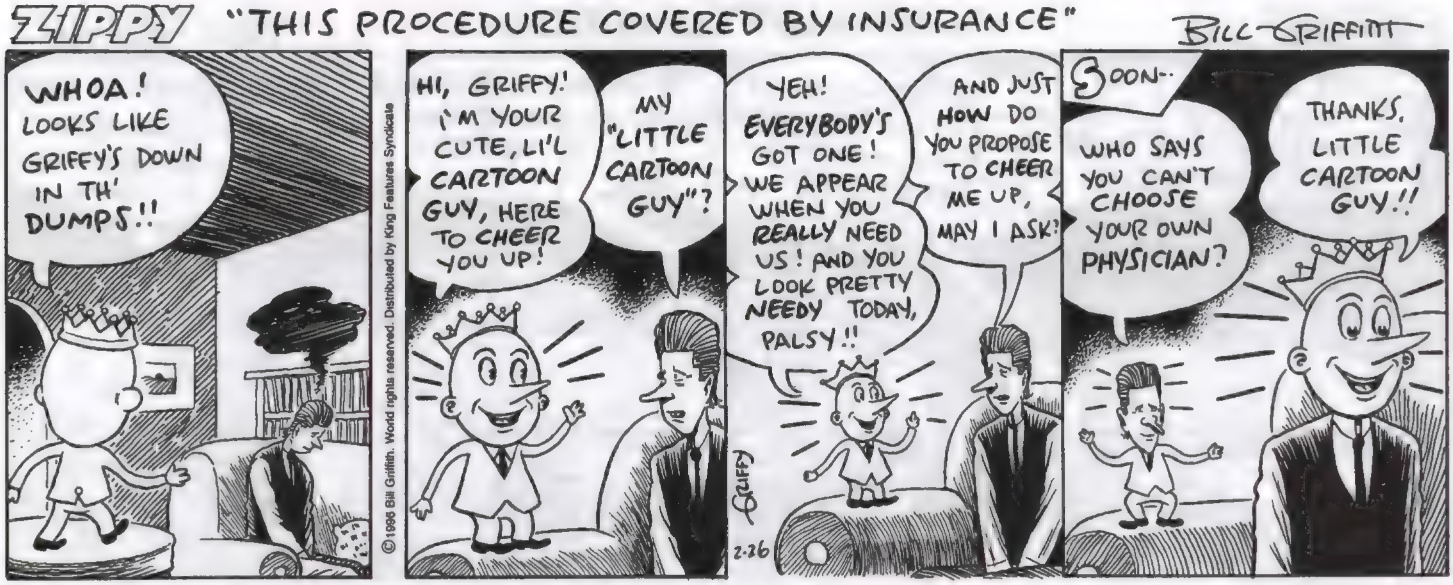
WELL, YOU DO SEEM A LITTLE OBLIVIOUS TO REALITY, CLAUDE..
LIKE OL' ZIP SAYS, "THREE HOLES, ROUND & GLEAMING. I AM TH' BALL. I AM TH' PIN"!


ZIPPY
"THIS PROCEDURE COVERED BY INSURANCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHOA! LOOKS LIKE GRIFFY'S DOWN IN TH' DUMPS!!
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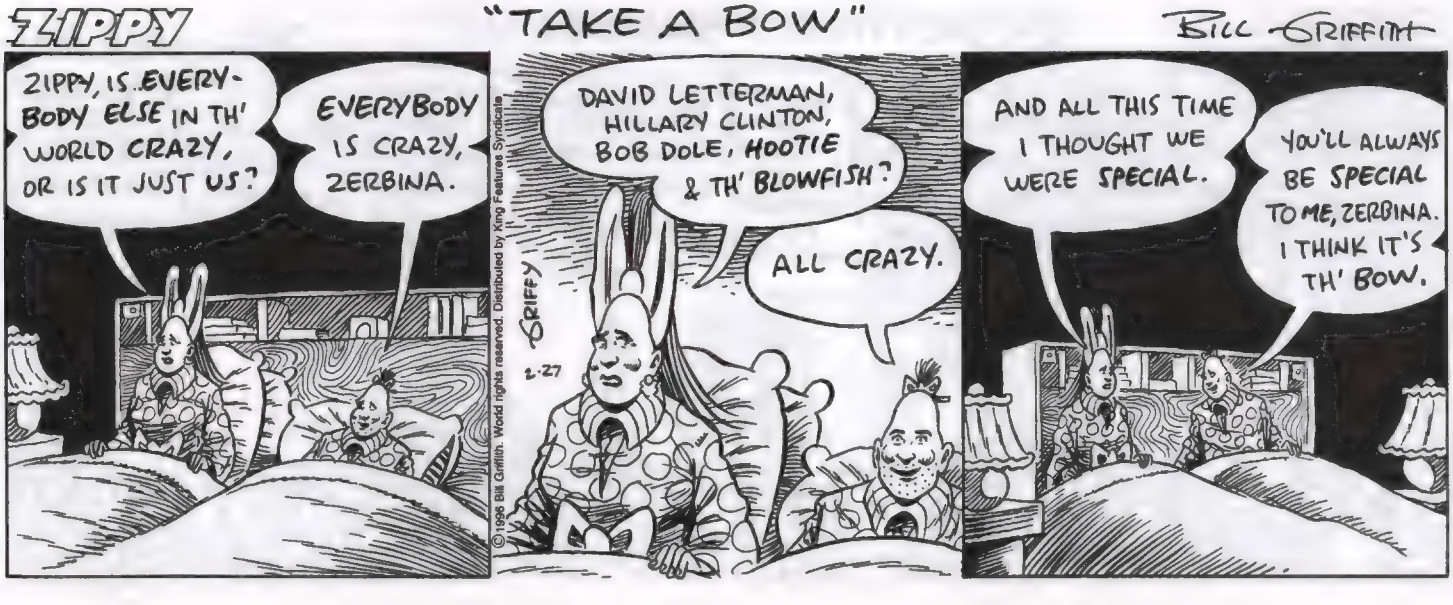
HI, GRIFFY! I'M YOUR CUTE, LI'L CARTOON GUY, HERE TO CHEER YOU UP!
MY "LITTLE CARTOON GUY"?
GRIFFY
2-26
YEH! EVERYBODY'S GOT ONE! WE APPEAR WHEN YOU REALLY NEED US! AND YOU LOOK PRETTY NEEDY TODAY, PALSY!!
AND JUST HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO CHEER ME UP, MAY I ASK?
SOON..
WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T CHOOSE YOUR OWN PHYSICIAN?
THANKS, LITTLE CARTOON GUY!!


ZIPPY
"TAKE A BOW"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, IS..EVERYBODY ELSE IN TH' WORLD CRAZY, OR IS IT JUST US?
EVERYBODY IS CRAZY, ZERBINA.
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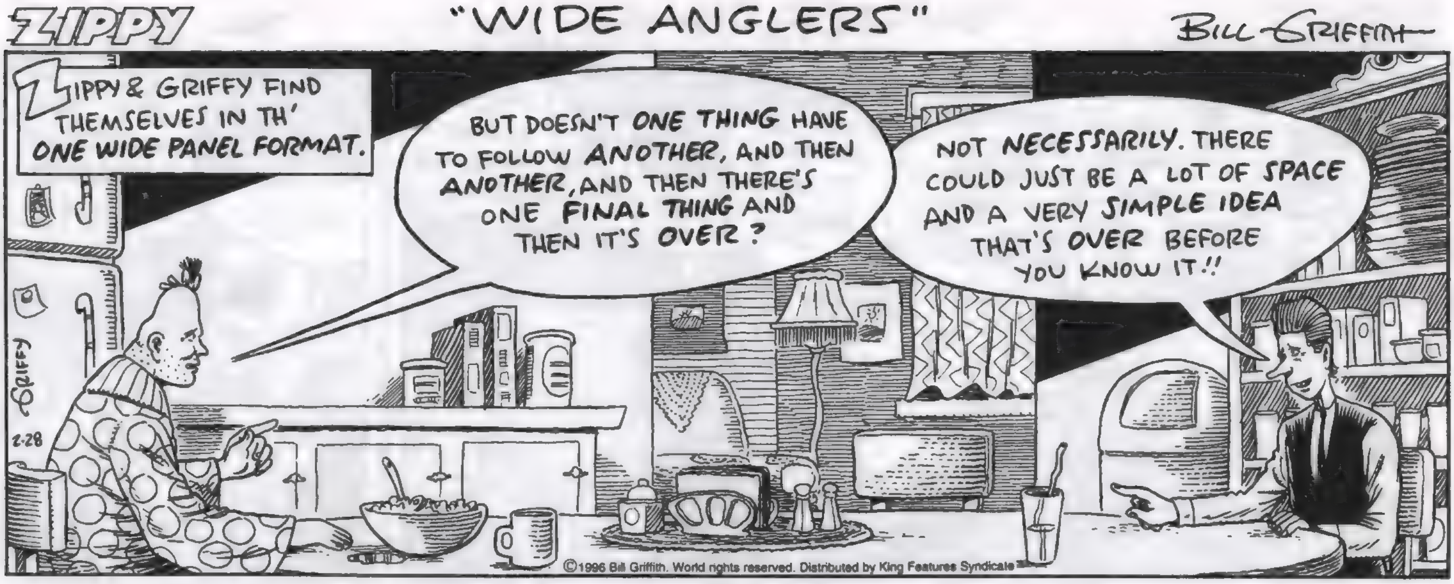
GRIFFY
2-27
DAVID LETTERMAN, HILLARY CLINTON, BOB DOLE, HOOTIE & TH' BLOWFISH?
ALL CRAZY.
AND ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT WE WERE SPECIAL.
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE SPECIAL TO ME, ZERBINA. I THINK IT'S TH' BOW.


ZIPPY
"WIDE ANGLERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY FIND THEMSELVES IN TH' ONE WIDE PANEL FORMAT.
BUT DOESN'T ONE THING HAVE TO FOLLOW ANOTHER, AND THEN ANOTHER, AND THEN THERE'S ONE FINAL THING AND THEN IT'S OVER?
NOT NECESSARILY. THERE COULD JUST BE A LOT OF SPACE AND A VERY SIMPLE IDEA THAT'S OVER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!
GRIFFY
2-28
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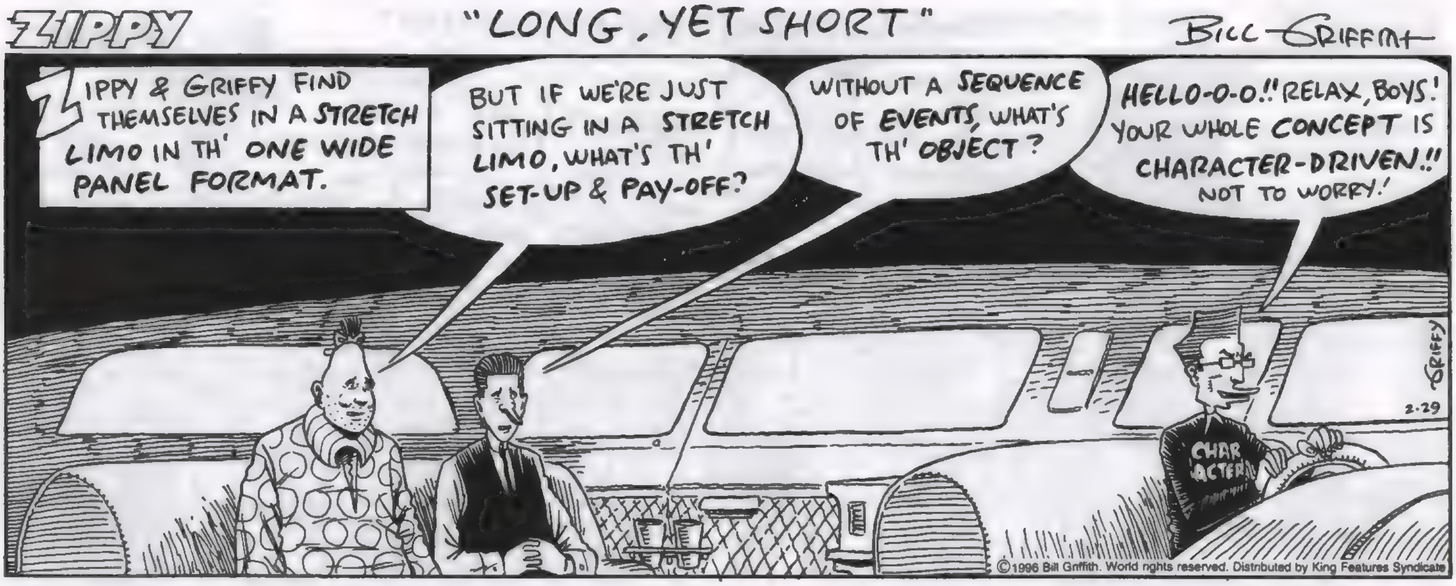
ZIPPY
"LONG, YET SHORT"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY FIND THEMSELVES IN A STRETCH LIMO IN TH' ONE WIDE PANEL FORMAT.
BUT IF WE'RE JUST SITTING IN A STRETCH LIMO, WHAT'S TH' SET-UP & PAY-OFF?
WITHOUT A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, WHAT'S TH' OBJECT?
HELLO-O-O!! RELAX, BOYS! YOUR WHOLE CONCEPT IS CHARACTER-DRIVEN!! NOT TO WORRY!
CHAR ACTER
GRIFFY
2-29
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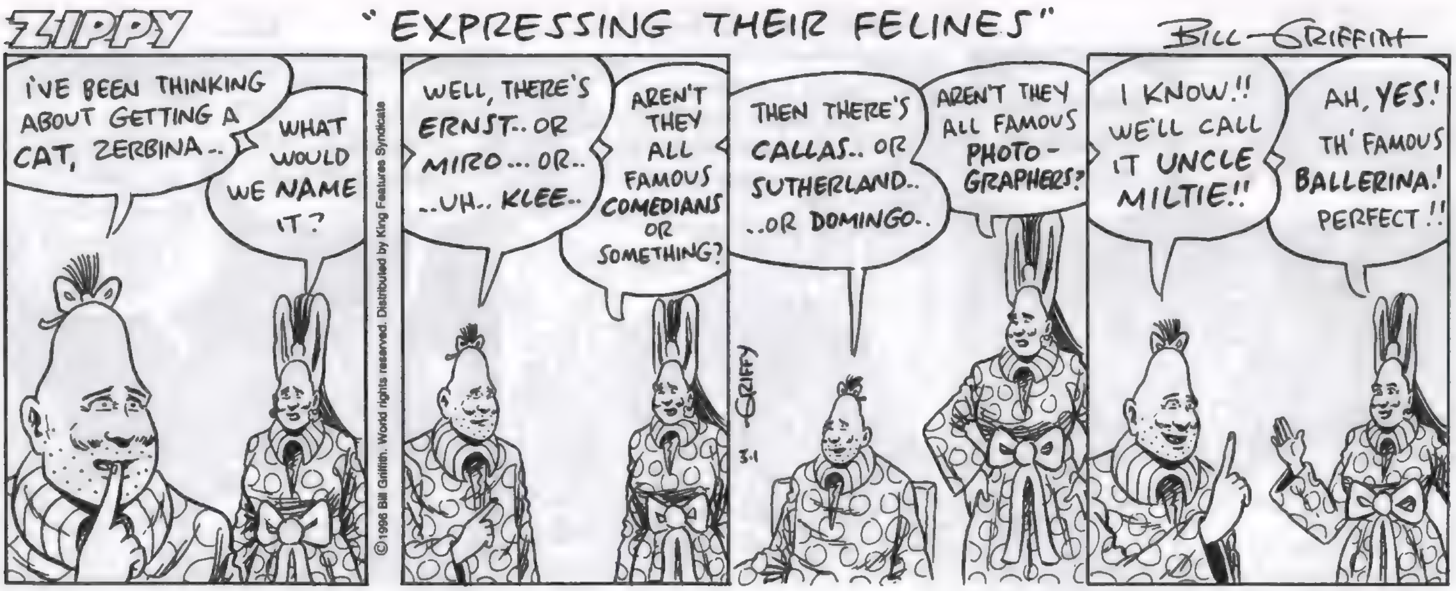
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"EXPRESSING THEIR FELINES"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT GETTING A CAT, ZERBINA..
WHAT WOULD WE NAME IT?
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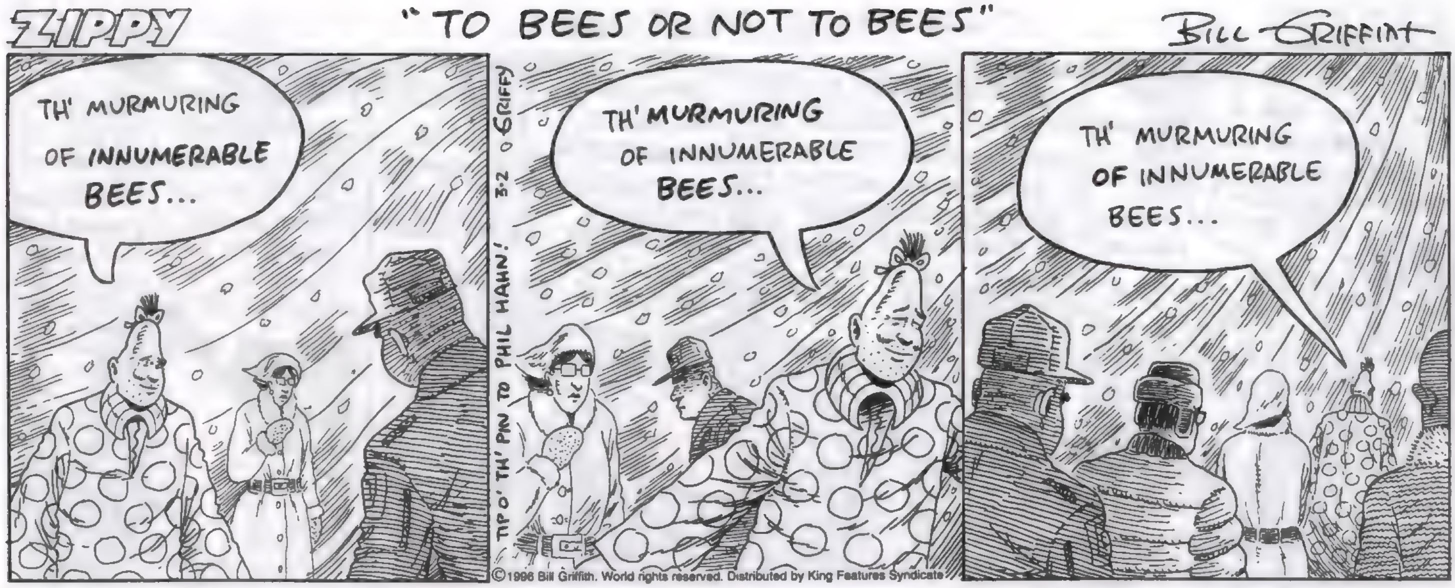
WELL, THERE'S ERNST.. OR MIRO... OR.. ..UH.. KLEE..
AREN'T THEY ALL FAMOUS COMEDIANS OR SOMETHING?
GRIFFY
3-1
THEN THERE'S CALLAS.. OR SUTHERLAND.. ..OR DOMINGO..
AREN'T THEY ALL FAMOUS PHOTO-GRAPHERS?
I KNOW!! WE'LL CALL IT UNCLE MILTIE!!
AH, YES! TH' FAMOUS BALLERINA! PERFECT!!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"TO BEES OR NOT TO BEES"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' MURMURING OF INNUMERABLE BEES...
3-2 ©GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO PHIL HAHN!
TH' MURMURING OF INNUMERABLE BEES...
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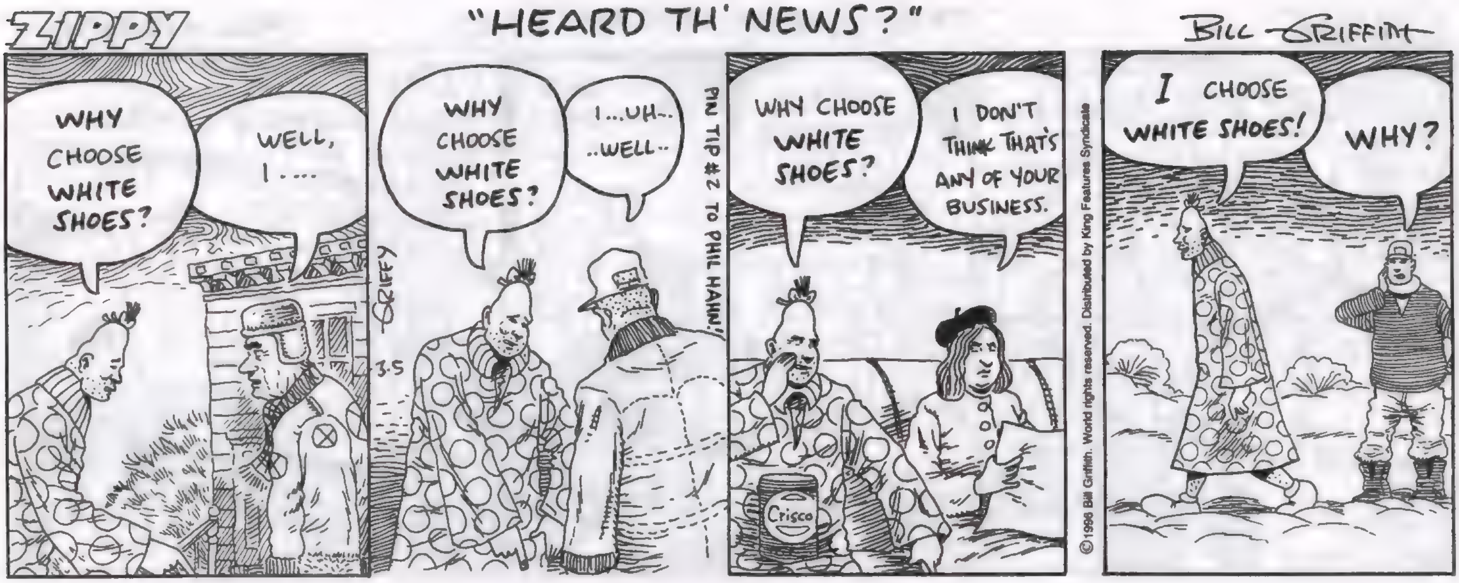
TH' MURMURING OF INNUMERABLE BEES...


ZIPPY
"HEARD TH' NEWS?"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHY CHOOSE WHITE SHOES?
WELL, I....
GRIFFY
3-5
WHY CHOOSE WHITE SHOES?
I...UH.. ..WELL..
PIN TIP #2 TO PHIL HAHN!
WHY CHOOSE WHITE SHOES?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS.
Crisco
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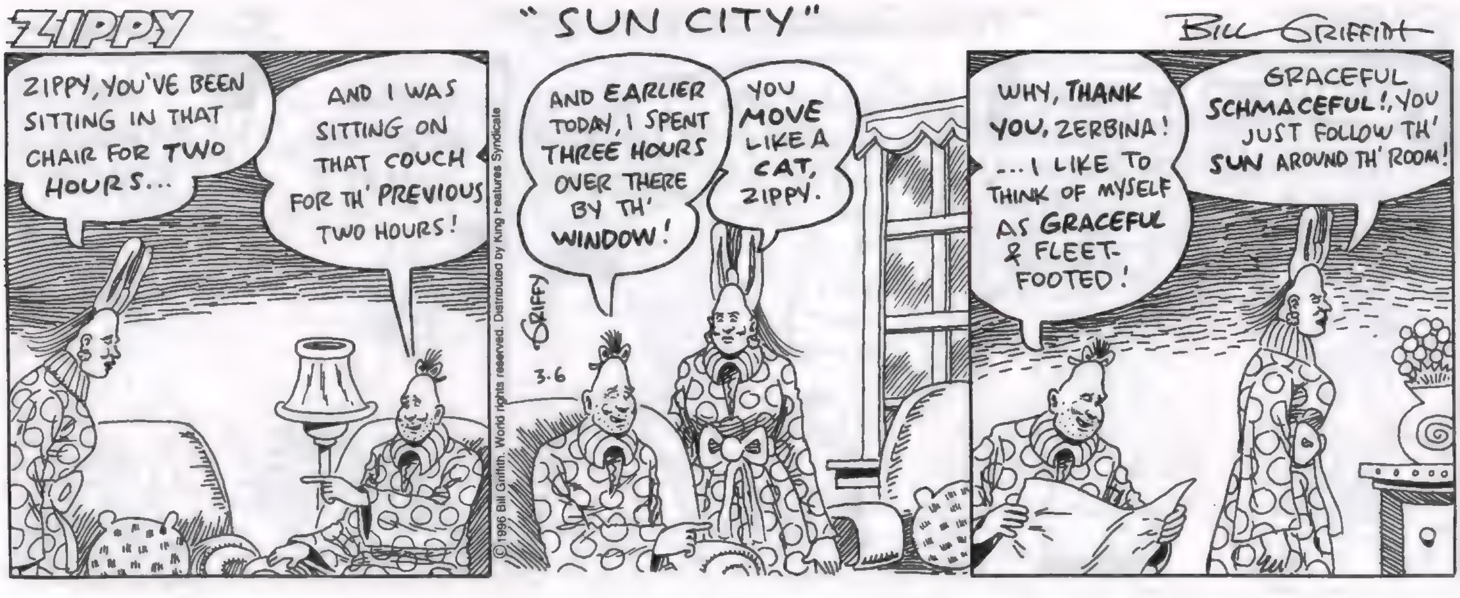
I CHOOSE WHITE SHOES!
WHY?


ZIPPY
"SUN CITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU'VE BEEN SITTING IN THAT CHAIR FOR TWO HOURS...
AND I WAS SITTING ON THAT COUCH FOR TH' PREVIOUS TWO HOURS!
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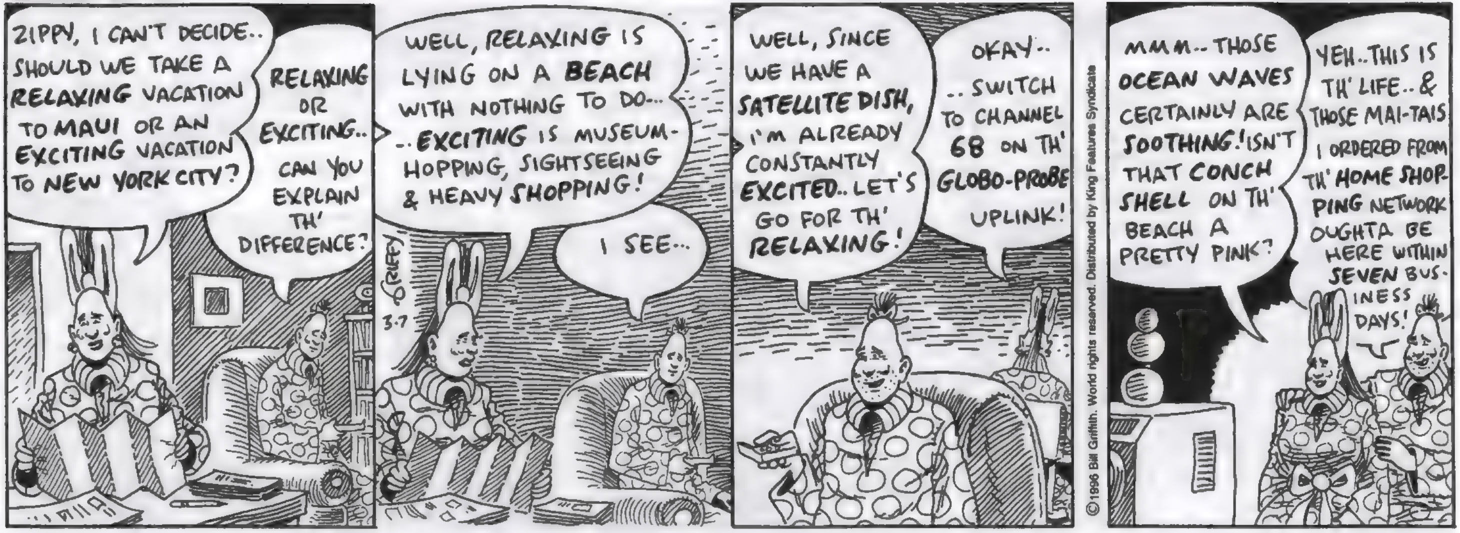
GRIFFY
3-6
AND EARLIER TODAY, I SPENT THREE HOURS OVER THERE BY TH' WINDOW!
YOU MOVE LIKE A CAT, ZIPPY.
WHY, THANK YOU, ZERBINA! ...I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS GRACEFUL & FLEET-FOOTED!
GRACEFUL SCHMACEFUL!, YOU JUST FOLLOW TH' SUN AROUND TH' ROOM!

ZIPPY

"SHOOTING THE TUBE"

BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY, I CAN'T DECIDE.. SHOULD WE TAKE A RELAXING VACATION TO MAUI OR AN EXCITING VACATION TO NEW YORK CITY?
RELAXING OR EXCITING.. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TH' DIFFERENCE?
WELL, RELAXING IS LYING ON A BEACH WITH NOTHING TO DO... ..EXCITING IS MUSEUM-HOPPING, SIGHTSEEING & HEAVY SHOPPING!
I SEE...
GRIFFY 3-7
WELL, SINCE WE HAVE A SATELLITE DISH, I'M ALREADY CONSTANTLY EXCITED.. LET'S GO FOR TH' RELAXING!
OKAY.. ..SWITCH TO CHANNEL 68 ON TH' GLOBO-PROBE UPLINK!
MMM.. THOSE OCEAN WAVES CERTAINLY ARE SOOTHING! ISN'T THAT CONCH SHELL ON TH' BEACH A PRETTY PINK?
YEH.. THIS IS TH' LIFE.. & THOSE MAI-TAIS I ORDERED FROM TH' HOME SHOPPING NETWORK OUGHTA BE HERE WITHIN SEVEN BUSINESS DAYS!

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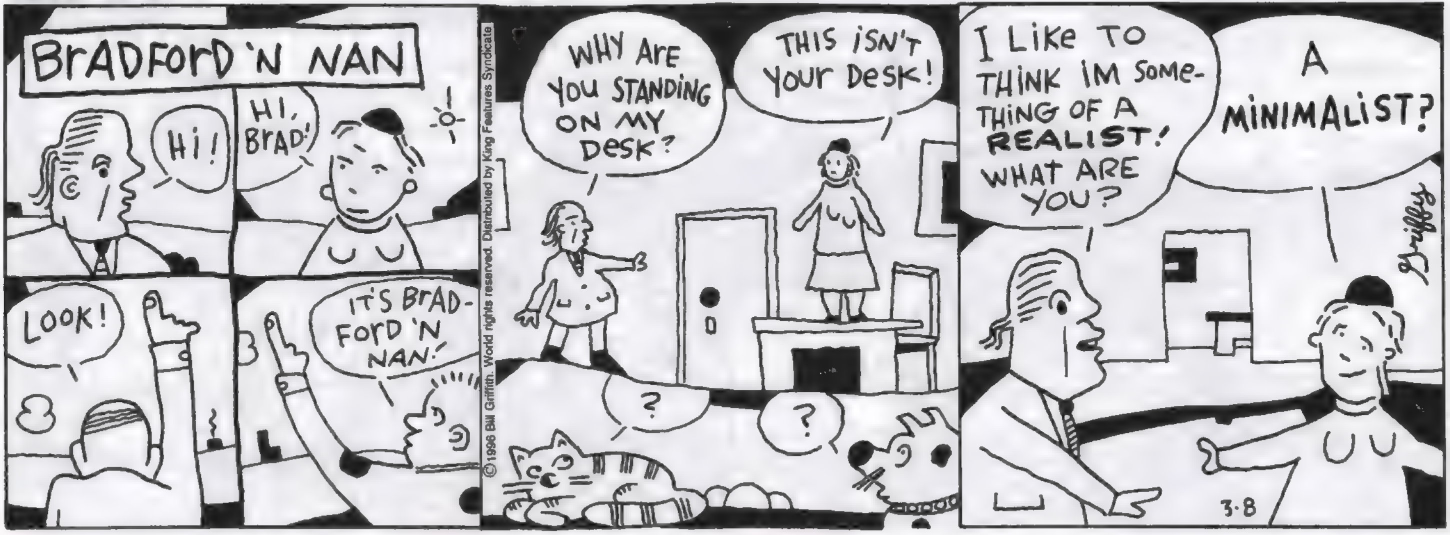
ZIPPY

"THE SAGA BEGINS"

BILL GRIFFITH


BRADFORD 'N NAN
HI!
HI, BRAD!
LOOK!
IT'S BRADFORD 'N NAN!
WHY ARE YOU STANDING ON MY DESK?
THIS ISN'T YOUR DESK!
?
?
I LIKE TO THINK IM SOMETHING OF A REALIST! WHAT ARE YOU?
A MINIMALIST?
Griffy
3-8

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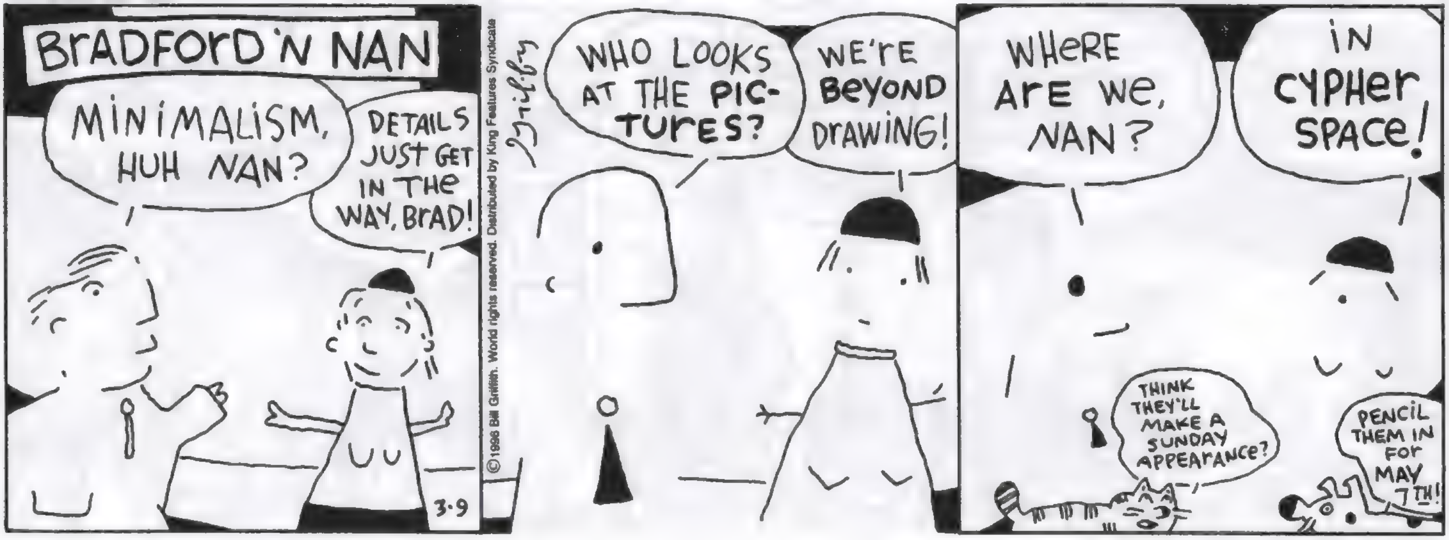
ZIPPY

"THE SAGA CONTINUES"

BILL GRIFFITH


BRADFORD 'N NAN
MINIMALISM, HUH NAN?
DETAILS JUST GET IN THE WAY, BRAD!
3-9
Griffy
WHO LOOKS AT THE PICTURES?
WE'RE BEYOND DRAWING!
WHERE ARE WE, NAN?
IN CYPHER SPACE!
THINK THEY'LL MAKE A SUNDAY APPEARANCE?
PENCIL THEM IN FOR MAY 7TH!

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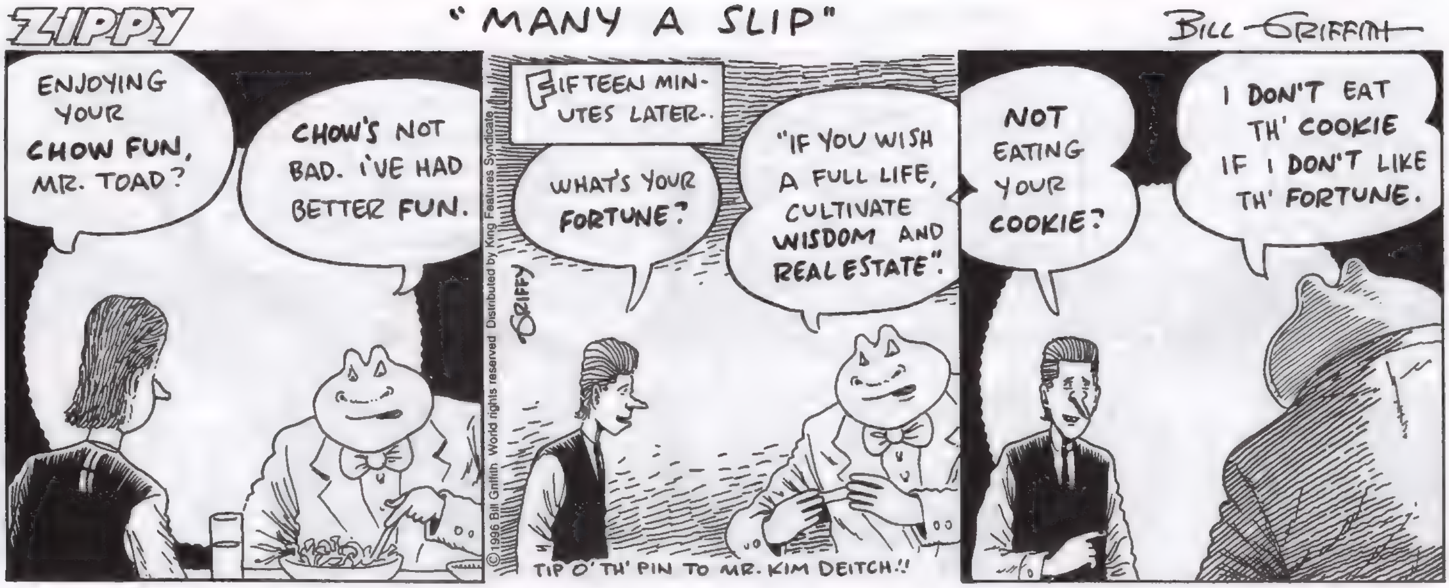
ZIPPY
"MANY A SLIP"
BILL GRIFFITH
ENJOYING YOUR CHOW FUN, MR. TOAD?
CHOW'S NOT BAD. I'VE HAD BETTER FUN.
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER..
WHAT'S YOUR FORTUNE?
"IF YOU WISH A FULL LIFE, CULTIVATE WISDOM AND REAL ESTATE".
NOT EATING YOUR COOKIE?
I DON'T EAT TH' COOKIE IF I DON'T LIKE TH' FORTUNE.
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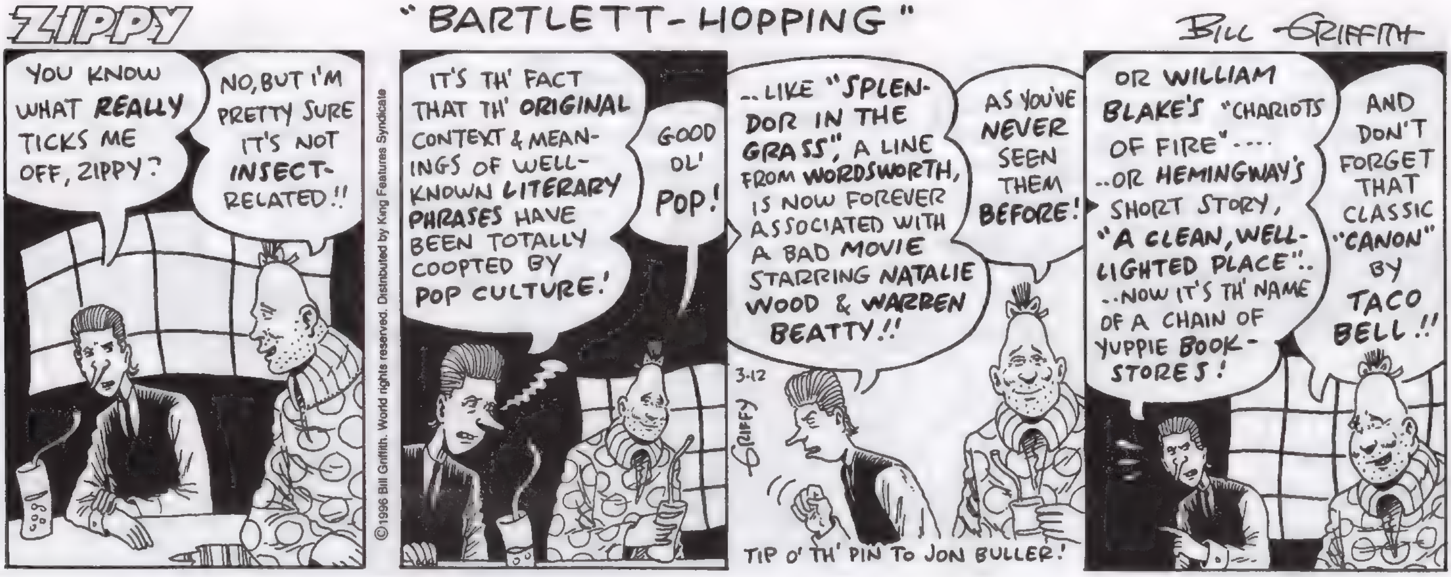
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MR. KIM DEITCH!!


ZIPPY
"BARTLETT-HOPPING"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY TICKS ME OFF, ZIPPY?
NO, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S NOT INSECT-RELATED!!
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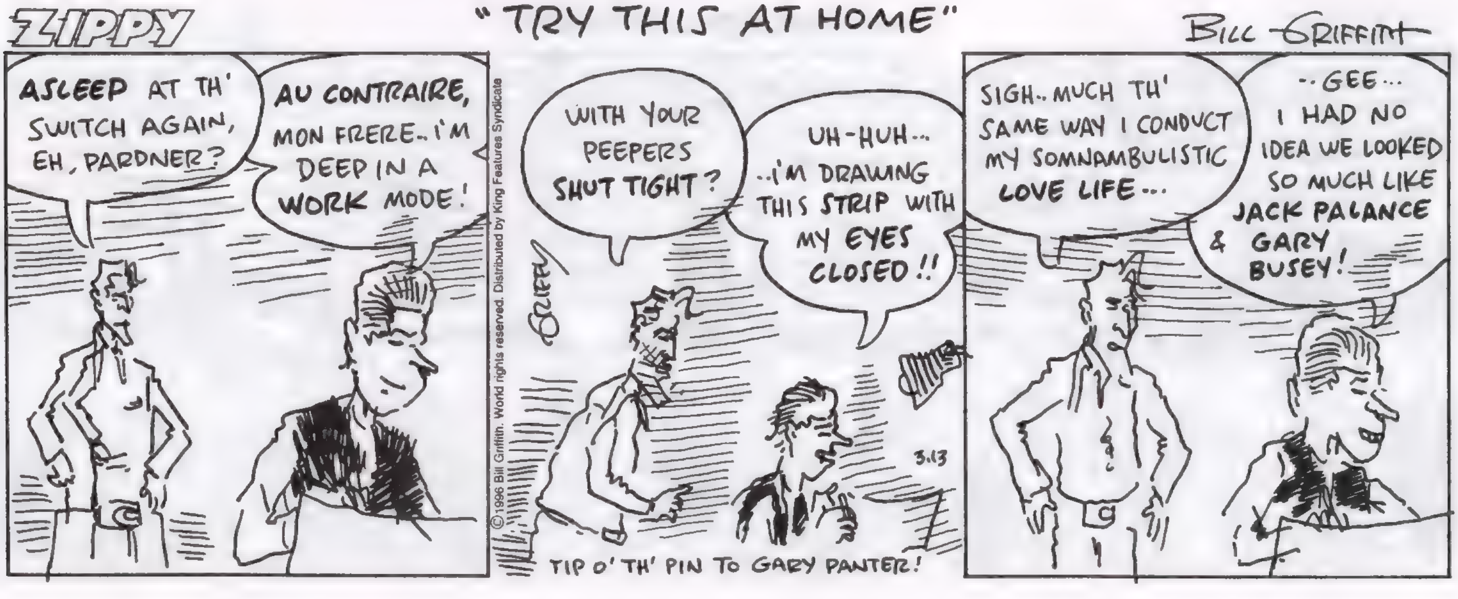
IT'S TH' FACT THAT TH' ORIGINAL CONTEXT & MEANINGS OF WELL-KNOWN LITERARY PHRASES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY COOPTED BY POP CULTURE!
GOOD OL' POP!
..LIKE "SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS", A LINE FROM WORDSWORTH, IS NOW FOREVER ASSOCIATED WITH A BAD MOVIE STARRING NATALIE WOOD & WARREN BEATTY!!
AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE!
3-12
GRIFFY
OR WILLIAM BLAKE'S "CHARIOTS OF FIRE"....
..OR HEMINGWAY'S SHORT STORY, "A CLEAN, WELL-LIGHTED PLACE"..
..NOW IT'S TH' NAME OF A CHAIN OF YUPPIE BOOK-STORES!
AND DON'T FORGET THAT CLASSIC "CANON" BY TACO BELL!!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO JON BULLER!


ZIPPY
"TRY THIS AT HOME"
BILL GRIFFITH
ASLEEP AT TH' SWITCH AGAIN, EH, PARDNER?
AU CONTRAIRE, MON FRERE.. I'M DEEP IN A WORK MODE!
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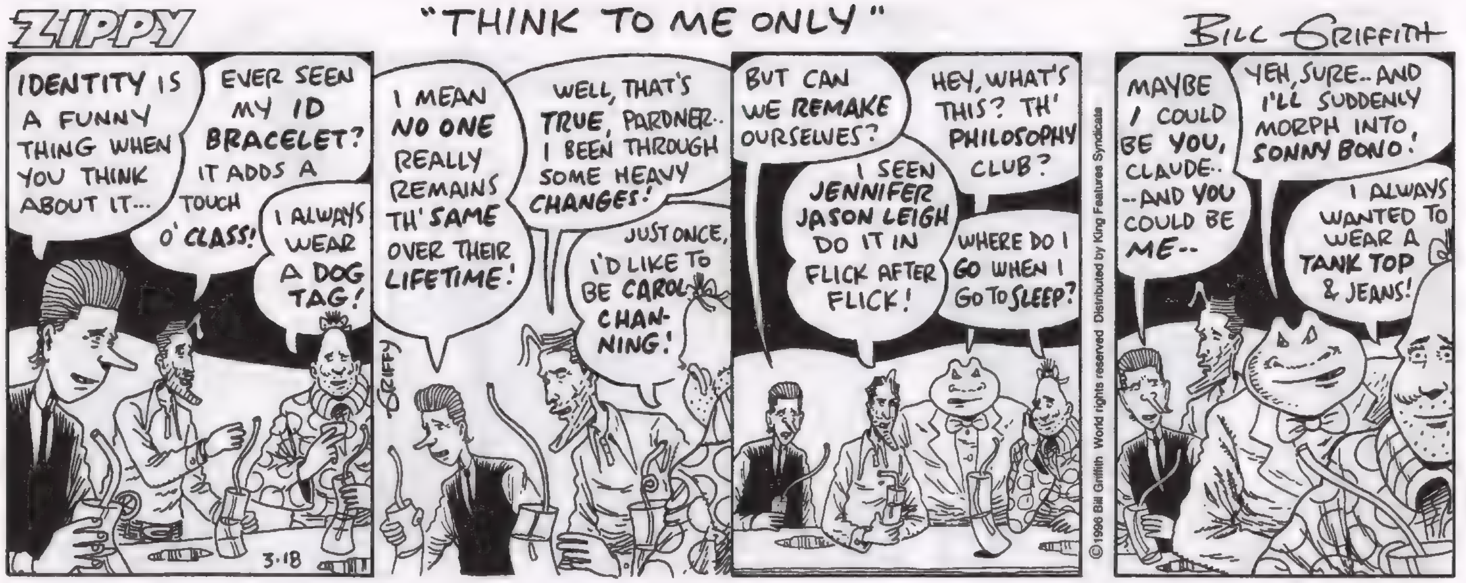
GRIFFY
WITH YOUR PEEPERS SHUT TIGHT?
UH-HUH... ..I'M DRAWING THIS STRIP WITH MY EYES CLOSED!!
3-13
SIGH.. MUCH TH' SAME WAY I CONDUCT MY SOMNAMBULISTIC LOVE LIFE...
..GEE... I HAD NO IDEA WE LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE JACK PALANCE & GARY BUSEY!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO GARY PANTER!


ZIPPY
"THINK TO ME ONLY"
BILL GRIFFITH
IDENTITY IS A FUNNY THING WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
EVER SEEN MY ID BRACELET? IT ADDS A TOUCH O' CLASS!
I ALWAYS WEAR A DOG TAG!
3.18
I MEAN NO ONE REALLY REMAINS TH' SAME OVER THEIR LIFETIME!
WELL, THAT'S TRUE, PARDNER.. I BEEN THROUGH SOME HEAVY CHANGES!
JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO BE CAROL CHANNING!
GRIFFY
BUT CAN WE REMAKE OURSELVES?
HEY, WHAT'S THIS? TH' PHILOSOPHY CLUB?
I SEEN JENNIFER JASON LEIGH DO IT IN FLICK AFTER FLICK!
WHERE DO I GO WHEN I GO TO SLEEP?
MAYBE I COULD BE YOU, CLAUDE.. ..AND YOU COULD BE ME--
YEH, SURE.. AND I'LL SUDDENLY MORPH INTO SONNY BONO!
I ALWAYS WANTED TO WEAR A TANK TOP & JEANS!
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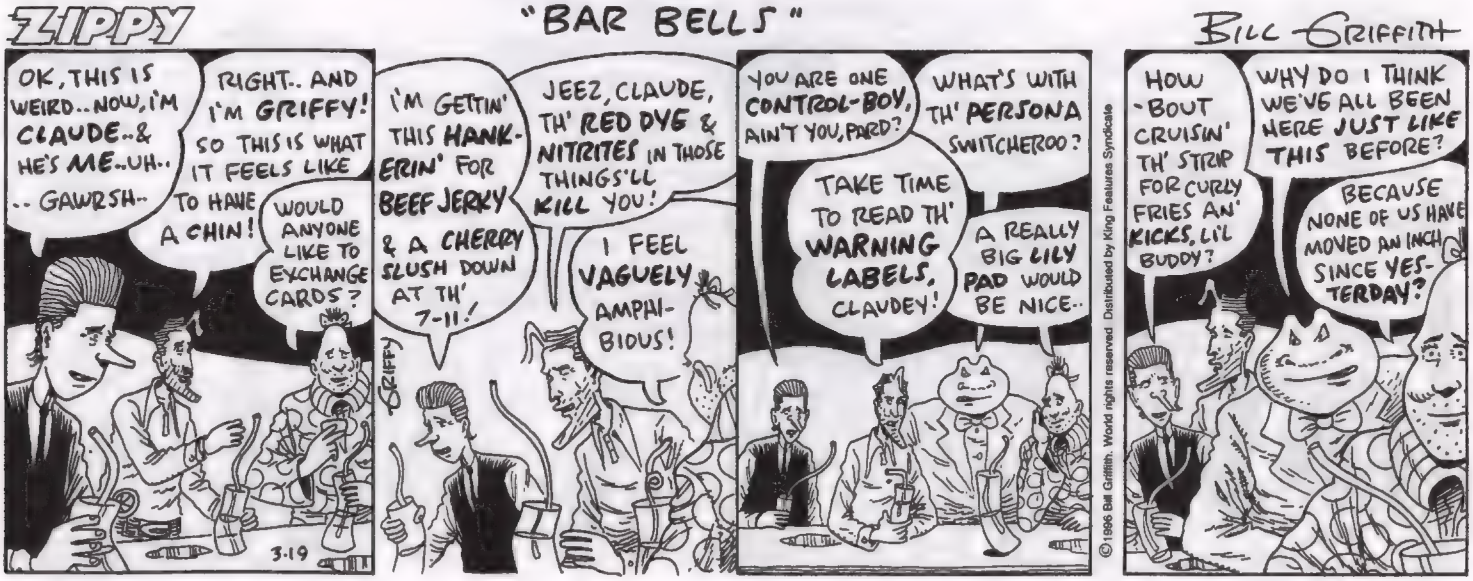
ZIPPY
"BAR BELLS"
BILL GRIFFITH
OK, THIS IS WEIRD.. NOW, I'M CLAUDE..& HE'S ME..UH.. .. GAWRSH..
RIGHT.. AND I'M GRIFFY! SO THIS IS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE A CHIN!
WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO EXCHANGE CARDS?
3.19
I'M GETTIN' THIS HANKERIN' FOR BEEF JERKY & A CHERRY SLUSH DOWN AT TH' 7-11!
JEEZ, CLAUDE, TH' RED DYE & NITRITES IN THOSE THINGS'LL KILL YOU!
I FEEL VAGUELY AMPHIBIOUS!
GRIFFY
YOU ARE ONE CONTROL-BOY, AIN'T YOU, PARD?
WHAT'S WITH TH' PERSONA SWITCHEROO?
TAKE TIME TO READ TH' WARNING LABELS, CLAUDEY!
A REALLY BIG LILY PAD WOULD BE NICE..
HOW 'BOUT CRUISIN' TH' STRIP FOR CURLY FRIES AN' KICKS, LI'L BUDDY?
WHY DO I THINK WE'VE ALL BEEN HERE JUST LIKE THIS BEFORE?
BECAUSE NONE OF US HAVE MOVED AN INCH SINCE YESTERDAY?
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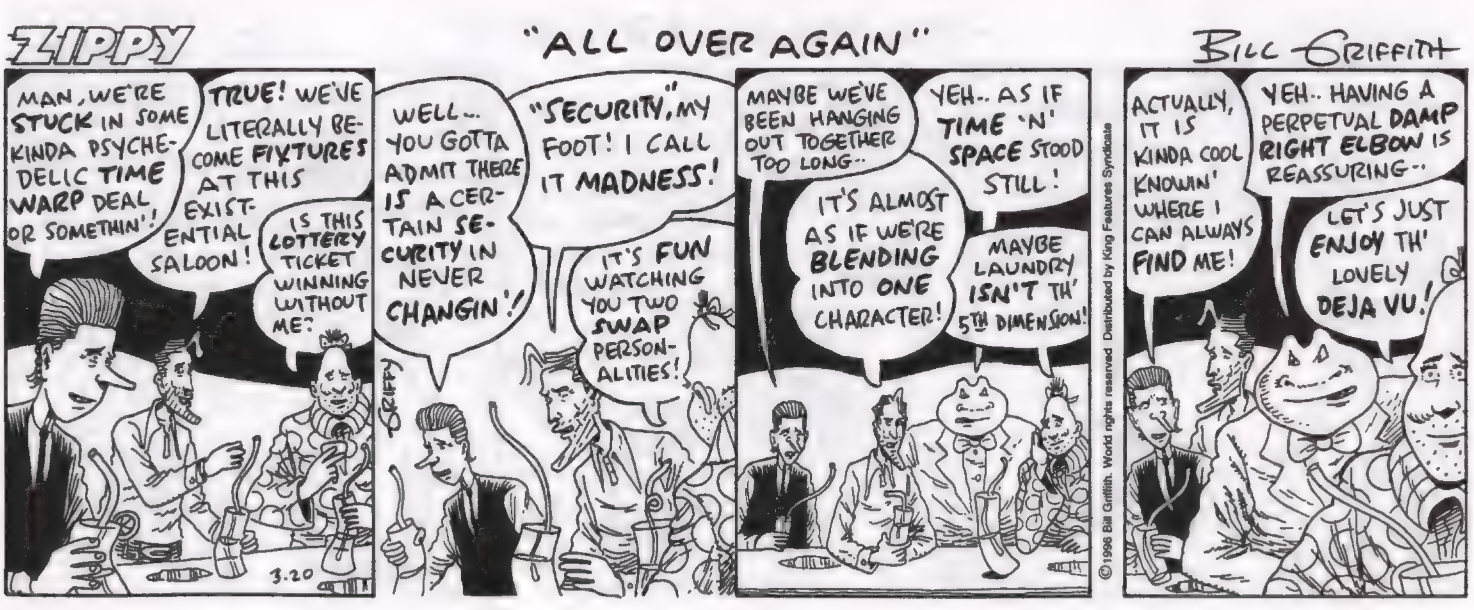
ZIPPY
"ALL OVER AGAIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAN, WE'RE STUCK IN SOME KINDA PSYCHEDELIC TIME WARP DEAL OR SOMETHIN'!
TRUE! WE'VE LITERALLY BECOME FIXTURES AT THIS EXISTENTIAL SALOON!
IS THIS LOTTERY TICKET WINNING WITHOUT ME?
3.20
WELL.. YOU GOTTA ADMIT THERE IS A CERTAIN SECURITY IN NEVER CHANGIN'!
"SECURITY," MY FOOT! I CALL IT MADNESS!
IT'S FUN WATCHING YOU TWO SWAP PERSONALITIES!
GRIFFY
MAYBE WE'VE BEEN HANGING OUT TOGETHER TOO LONG..
YEH.. AS IF TIME 'N' SPACE STOOD STILL!
IT'S ALMOST AS IF WE'RE BLENDING INTO ONE CHARACTER!
MAYBE LAUNDRY ISN'T TH' 5TH DIMENSION!
ACTUALLY, IT IS KINDA COOL KNOWIN' WHERE I CAN ALWAYS FIND ME!
YEH.. HAVING A PERPETUAL DAMP RIGHT ELBOW IS REASSURING..
LET'S JUST ENJOY TH' LOVELY DEJA VU!
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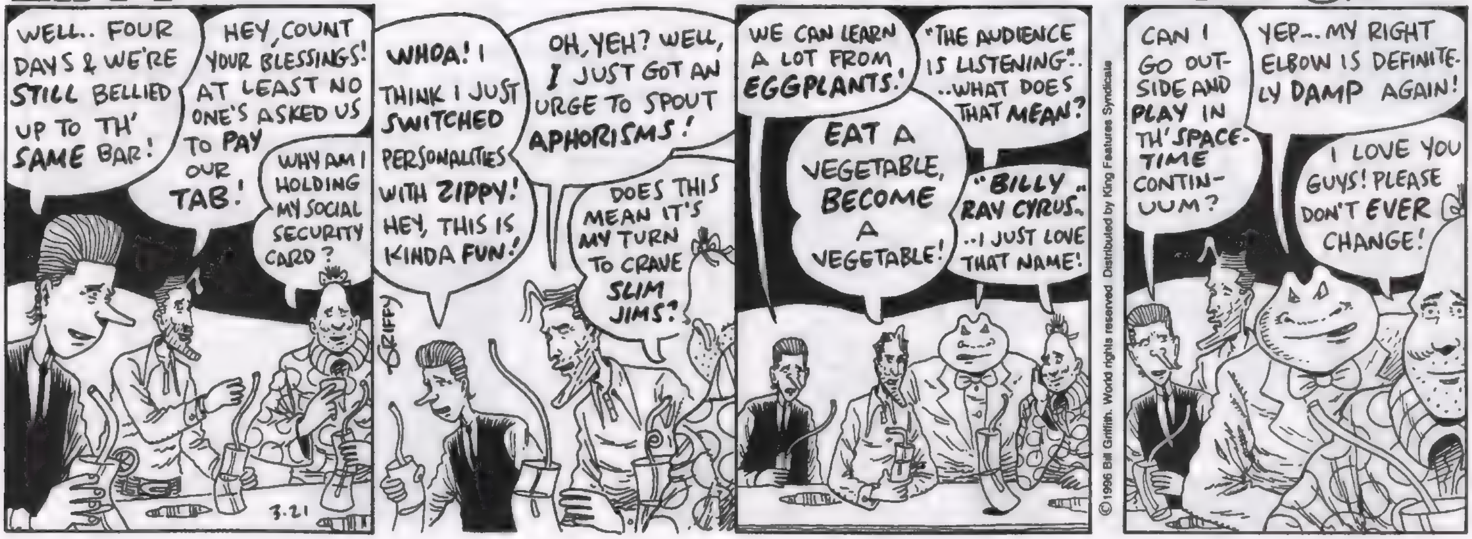
ZIPPY

"THE SAME, YET NEW"

BILL GRIFFITH



WELL.. FOUR DAYS & WE'RE STILL BELLIED UP TO TH' SAME BAR!
HEY, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS! AT LEAST NO ONE'S ASKED US TO PAY OUR TAB!
WHY AM I HOLDING MY SOCIAL SECURITY CARD?
3.21
WHOA! I THINK I JUST SWITCHED PERSONALITIES WITH ZIPPY! HEY, THIS IS KINDA FUN!
OH, YEH? WELL, I JUST GOT AN URGE TO SPOUT APHORISMS!
DOES THIS MEAN IT'S MY TURN TO CRAVE SLIM JIMS?
GRIFFY
WE CAN LEARN A LOT FROM EGGPLANTS!
"THE AUDIENCE IS LISTENING".. ..WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
EAT A VEGETABLE, BECOME A VEGETABLE!
"BILLY RAY CYRUS".. ..I JUST LOVE THAT NAME!
CAN I GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY IN TH' SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM?
YEP... MY RIGHT ELBOW IS DEFINITELY DAMP AGAIN!
I LOVE YOU GUYS! PLEASE DON'T EVER CHANGE!

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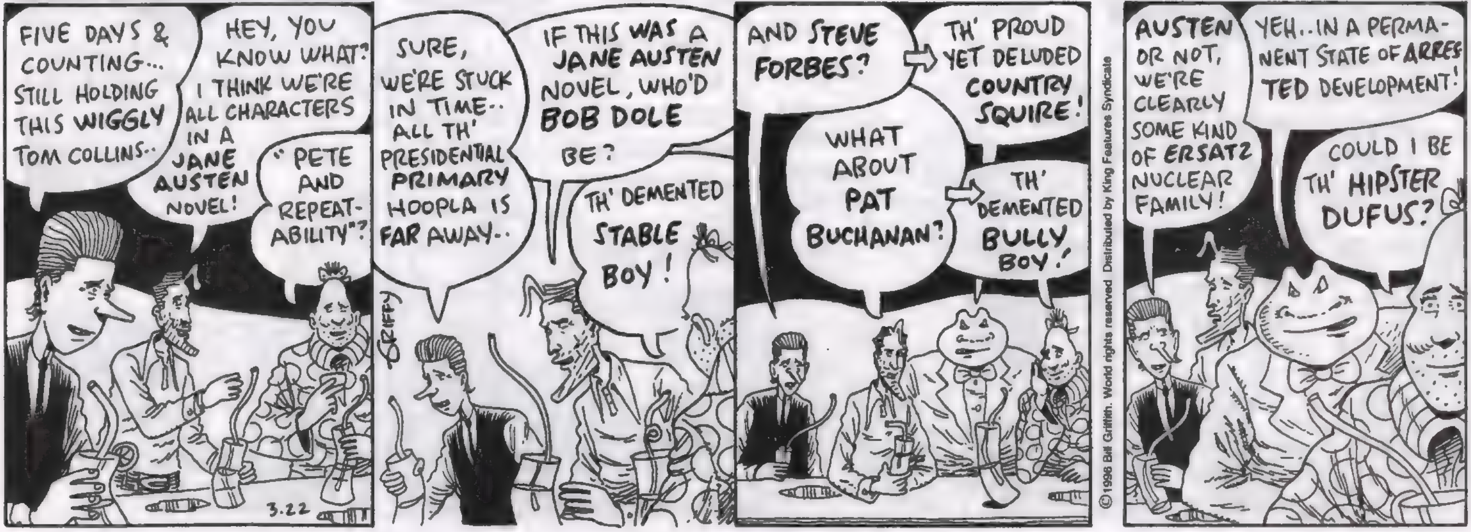
ZIPPY

"AUSTENTATIOUS"

BILL GRIFFITH



FIVE DAYS & COUNTING... STILL HOLDING THIS WIGGLY TOM COLLINS..
HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK WE'RE ALL CHARACTERS IN A JANE AUSTEN NOVEL!
"PETE AND REPEATABILITY"?
3.22
SURE, WE'RE STUCK IN TIME.. ALL TH' PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HOOPLA IS FAR AWAY..
IF THIS WAS A JANE AUSTEN NOVEL, WHO'D BOB DOLE BE?
TH' DEMENTED STABLE BOY!
GRIFFY
AND STEVE FORBES?
TH' PROUD YET DELUDED COUNTRY SQUIRE!
WHAT ABOUT PAT BUCHANAN?
TH' DEMENTED BULLY BOY!
AUSTEN OR NOT, WE'RE CLEARLY SOME KIND OF ERSATZ NUCLEAR FAMILY!
YEH.. IN A PERMANENT STATE OF ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT!
COULD I BE TH' HIPSTER DUFUS?

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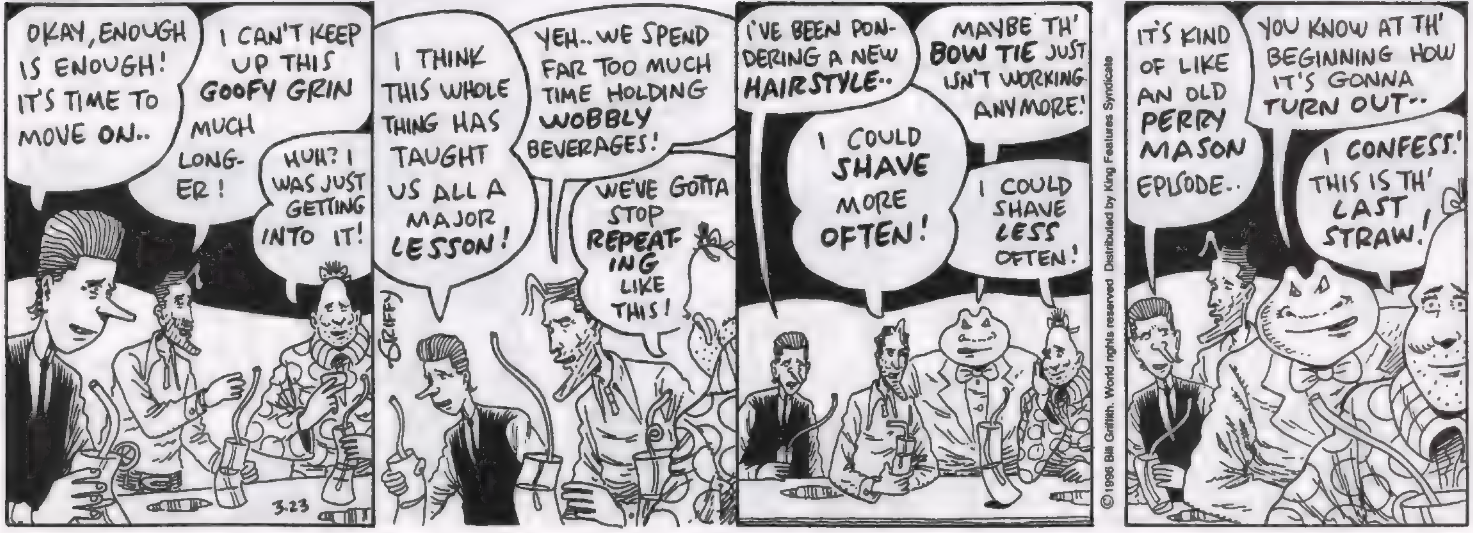
ZIPPY

"END OF THE LINE"

BILL GRIFFITH



OKAY, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON..
I CAN'T KEEP UP THIS GOOFY GRIN MUCH LONGER!
HUH? I WAS JUST GETTING INTO IT!
3.23
I THINK THIS WHOLE THING HAS TAUGHT US ALL A MAJOR LESSON!
YEH.. WE SPEND FAR TOO MUCH TIME HOLDING WOBBLY BEVERAGES!
WE'VE GOTTA STOP REPEATING LIKE THIS!
GRIFFY
I'VE BEEN PONDERING A NEW HAIRSTYLE..
MAYBE TH' BOW TIE JUST ISN'T WORKING ANYMORE!
I COULD SHAVE MORE OFTEN!
I COULD SHAVE LESS OFTEN!
IT'S KIND OF LIKE AN OLD PERRY MASON EPISODE..
YOU KNOW AT TH' BEGINNING HOW IT'S GONNA TURN OUT..
I CONFESS! THIS IS TH' LAST STRAW!

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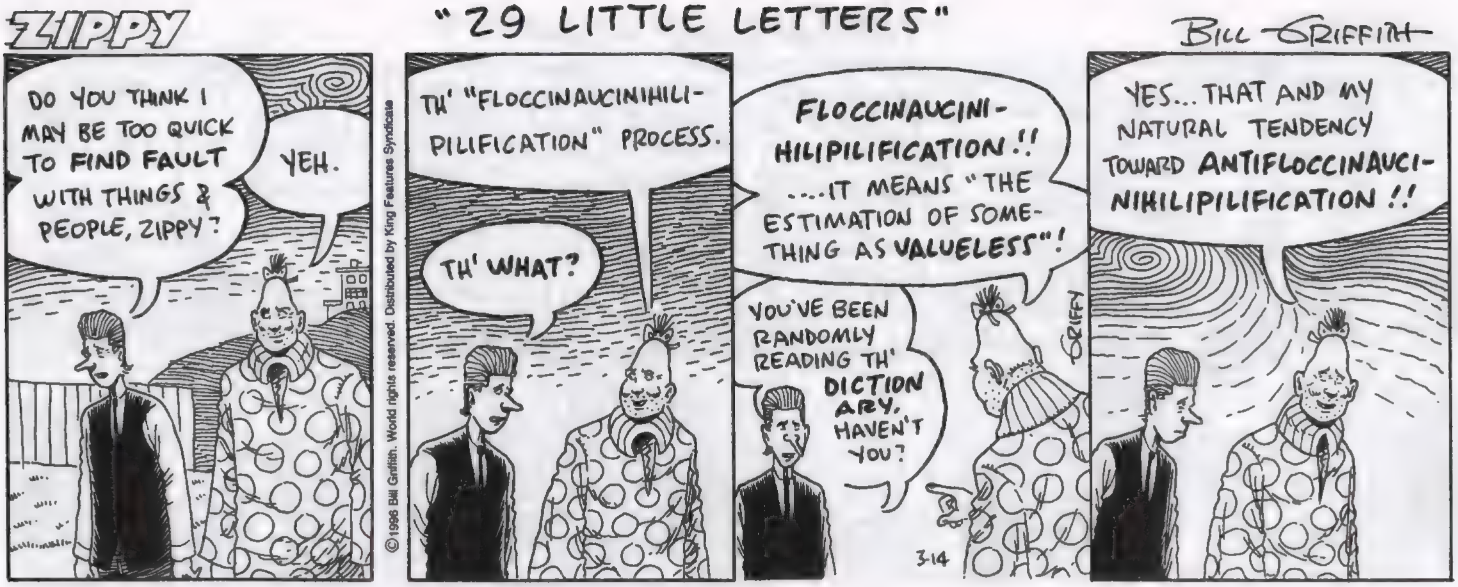
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"29 LITTLE LETTERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
DO YOU THINK I MAY BE TOO QUICK TO FIND FAULT WITH THINGS & PEOPLE, ZIPPY?
YEH.
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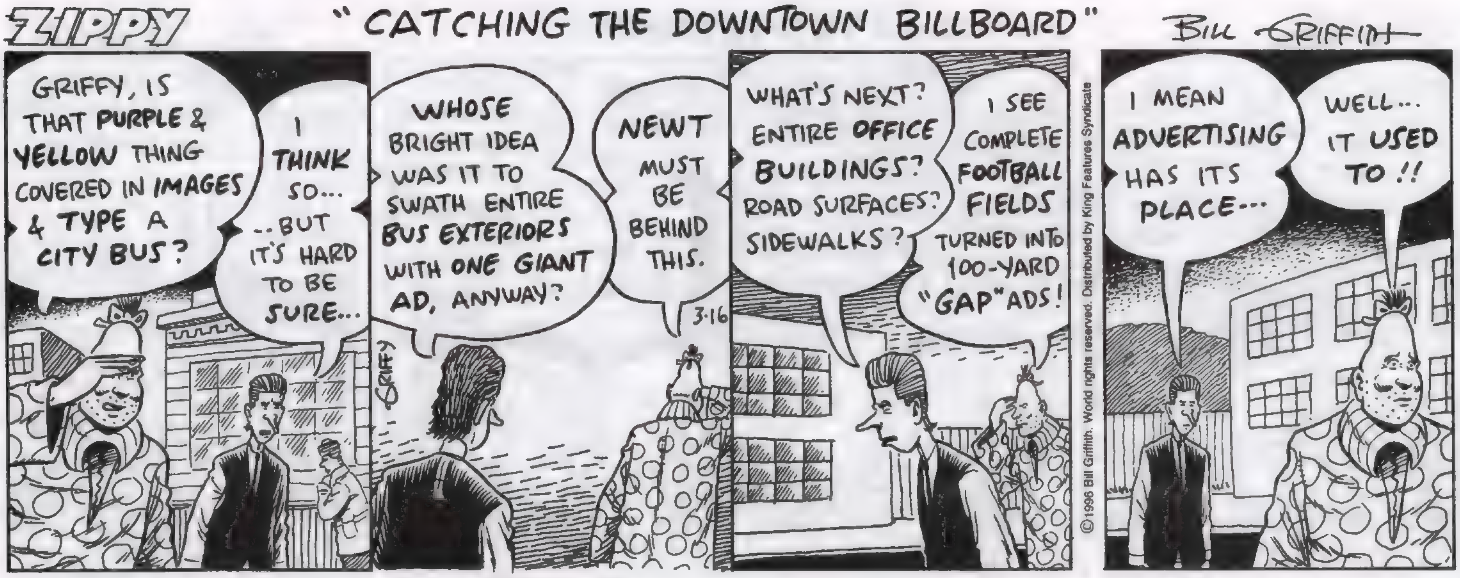
TH' "FLOCCINAUCINIHILIPILIFICATION" PROCESS.
TH' WHAT?
FLOCCINAUCINIHILIPILIFICATION!! ....IT MEANS "THE ESTIMATION OF SOMETHING AS VALUELESS"!
YOU'VE BEEN RANDOMLY READING TH' DICTIONARY, HAVEN'T YOU?
GRIFFY
3-14
YES... THAT AND MY NATURAL TENDENCY TOWARD ANTIFLOCCINAUCINIHILIPILIFICATION!!


ZIPPY
"CATCHING THE DOWNTOWN BILLBOARD"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, IS THAT PURPLE & YELLOW THING COVERED IN IMAGES & TYPE A CITY BUS?
I THINK SO... ..BUT IT'S HARD TO BE SURE...
WHOSE BRIGHT IDEA WAS IT TO SWATH ENTIRE BUS EXTERIORS WITH ONE GIANT AD, ANYWAY?
NEWT MUST BE BEHIND THIS.
GRIFFY
3-16
WHAT'S NEXT? ENTIRE OFFICE BUILDINGS? ROAD SURFACES? SIDEWALKS?
I SEE COMPLETE FOOTBALL FIELDS TURNED INTO 100-YARD "GAP" ADS!
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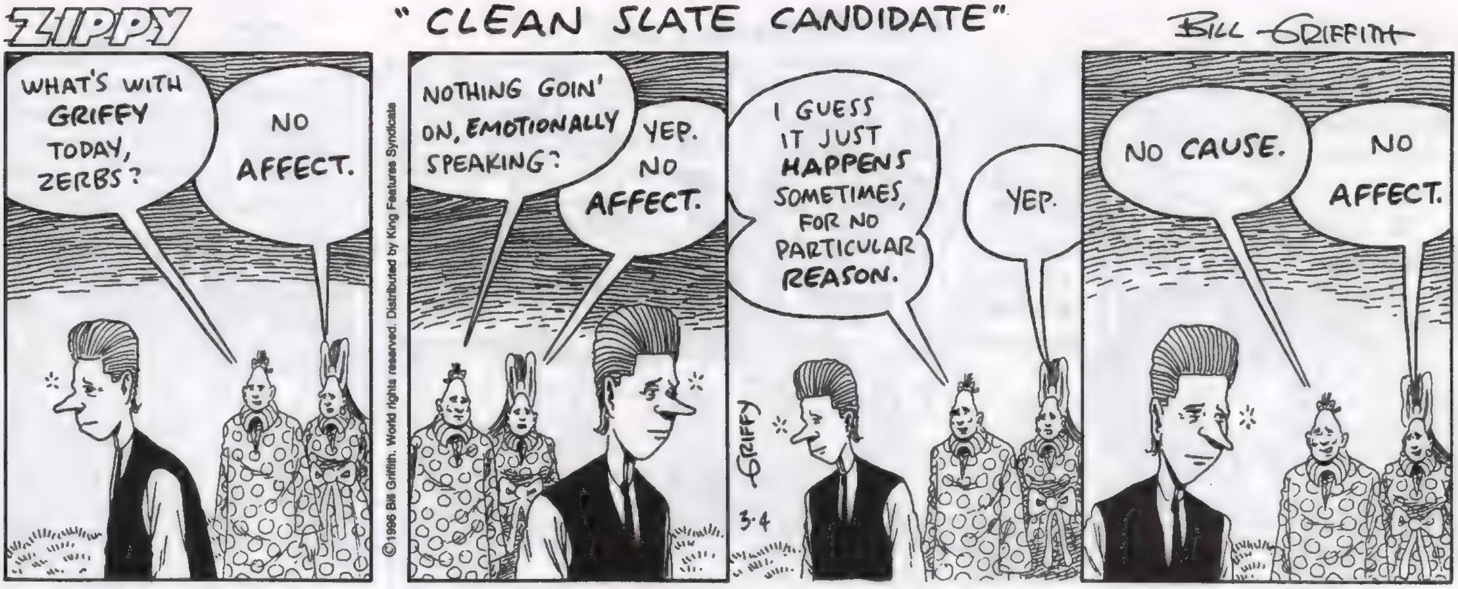
I MEAN ADVERTISING HAS ITS PLACE---
WELL... IT USED TO!!


ZIPPY
"CLEAN SLATE CANDIDATE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S WITH GRIFFY TODAY, ZERBS?
NO AFFECT.
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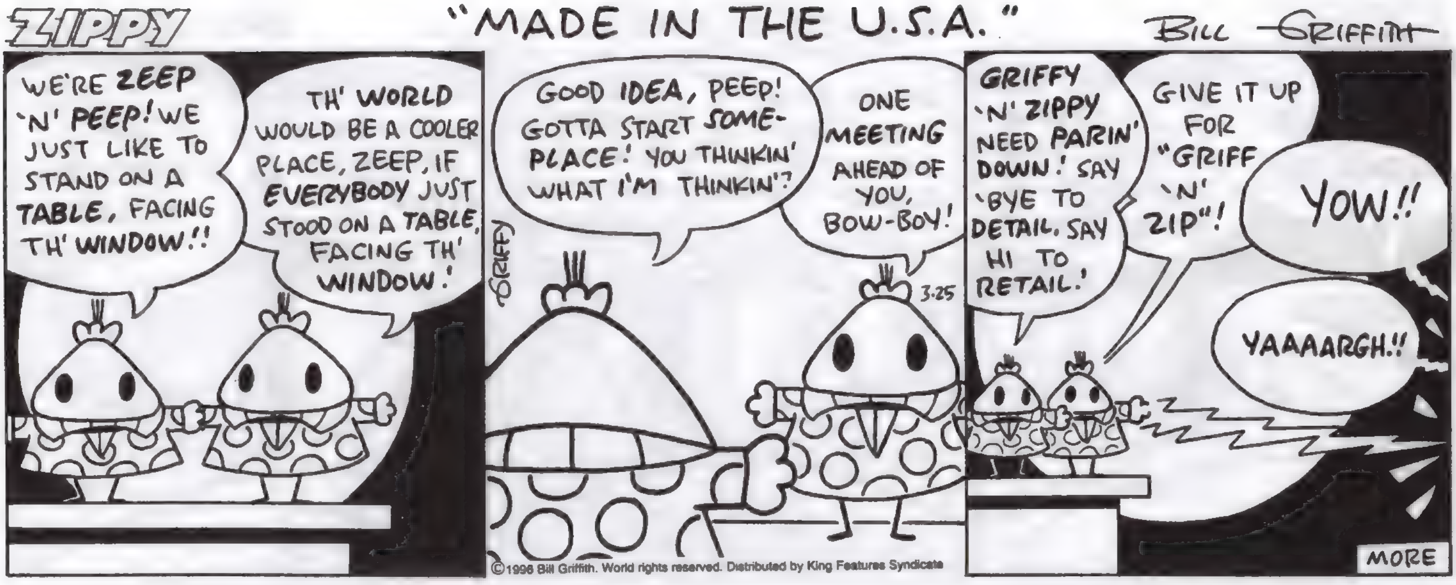
NOTHING GOIN' ON, EMOTIONALLY SPEAKING?
YEP. NO AFFECT.
I GUESS IT JUST HAPPENS SOMETIMES, FOR NO PARTICULAR REASON.
YEP.
GRIFFY
3-4
NO CAUSE.
NO AFFECT.


ZIPPY
"MADE IN THE U.S.A."
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'RE ZEEP 'N' PEEP! WE JUST LIKE TO STAND ON A TABLE, FACING TH' WINDOW!!
TH' WORLD WOULD BE A COOLER PLACE, ZEEP, IF EVERYBODY JUST STOOD ON A TABLE, FACING TH' WINDOW!
GOOD IDEA, PEEP! GOTTA START SOME-PLACE! YOU THINKIN' WHAT I'M THINKIN'?
ONE MEETING AHEAD OF YOU, BOW-BOY!
GRIFFY
3-25
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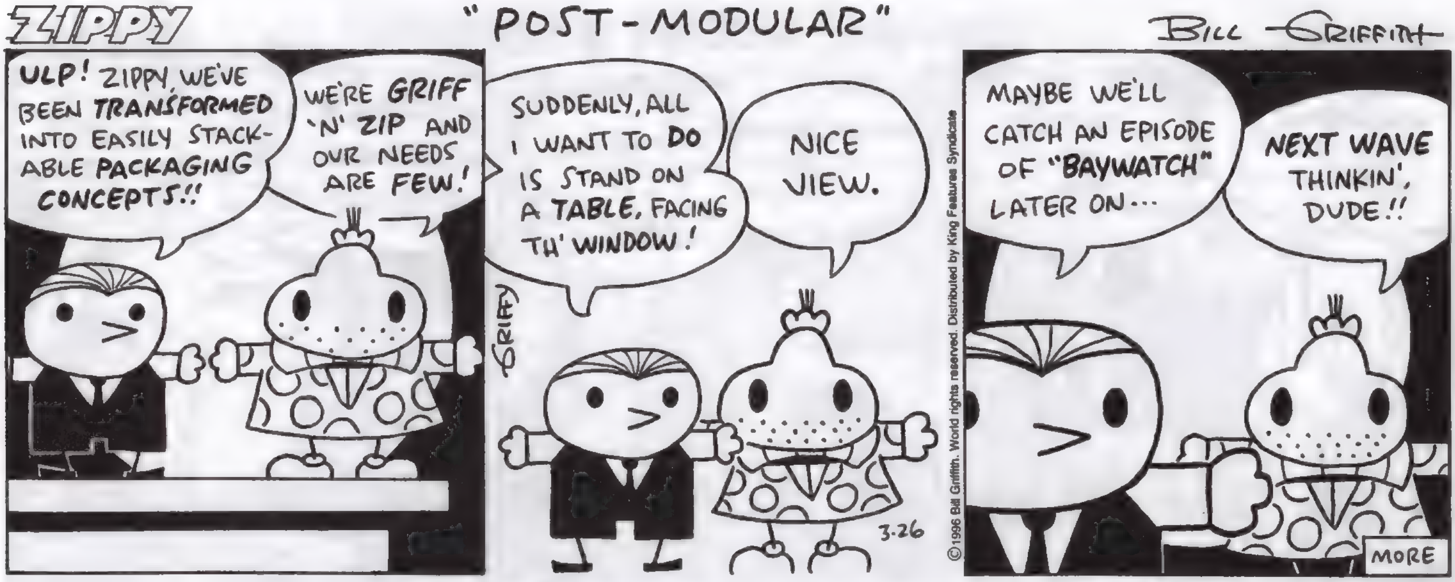
GRIFFY 'N' ZIPPY NEED PARIN' DOWN! SAY 'BYE TO DETAIL. SAY HI TO RETAIL!
GIVE IT UP FOR "GRIFF 'N' ZIP"!
YOW!!
YAAAARGH!!
MORE


ZIPPY
"POST-MODULAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
ULP! ZIPPY, WE'VE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO EASILY STACK-ABLE PACKAGING CONCEPTS!!
WE'RE GRIFF 'N' ZIP AND OUR NEEDS ARE FEW!
SUDDENLY, ALL I WANT TO DO IS STAND ON A TABLE, FACING TH' WINDOW!
NICE VIEW.
GRIFFY
3-26
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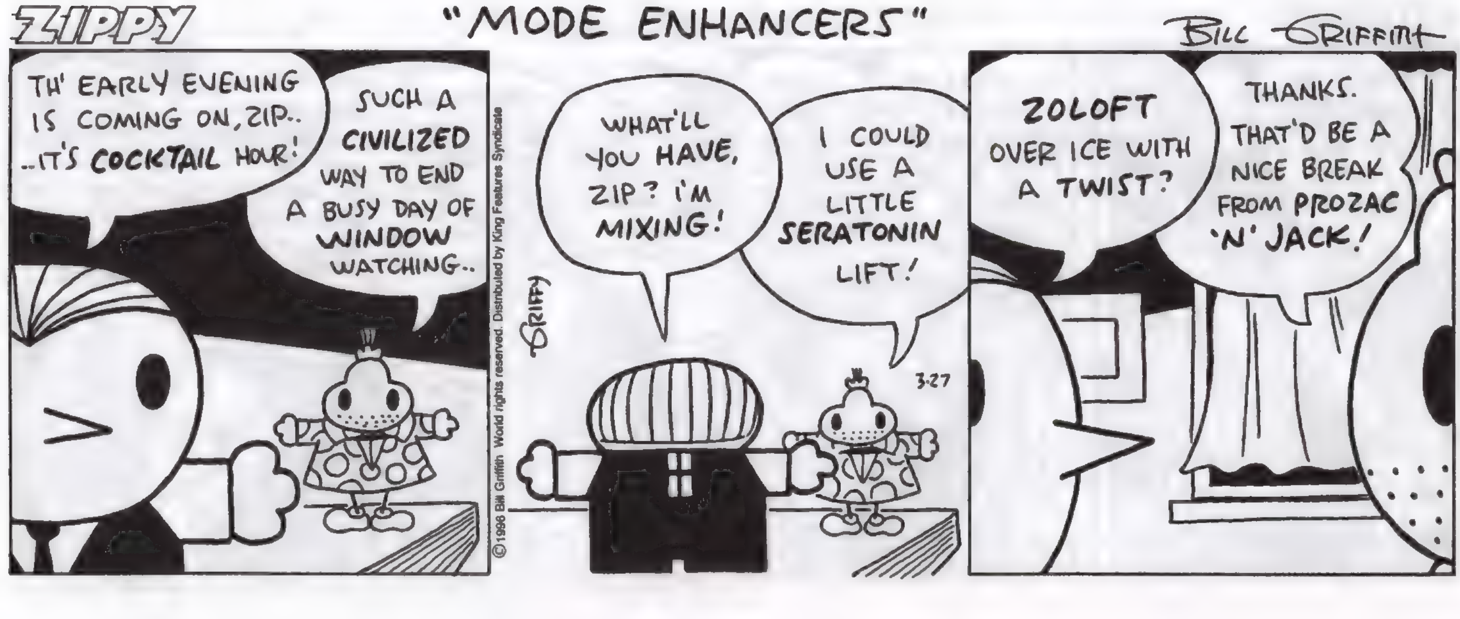
MAYBE WE'LL CATCH AN EPISODE OF "BAYWATCH" LATER ON...
NEXT WAVE THINKIN', DUDE!!
MORE


ZIPPY
"MODE ENHANCERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' EARLY EVENING IS COMING ON, ZIP.. ..IT'S COCKTAIL HOUR!
SUCH A CIVILIZED WAY TO END A BUSY DAY OF WINDOW WATCHING..
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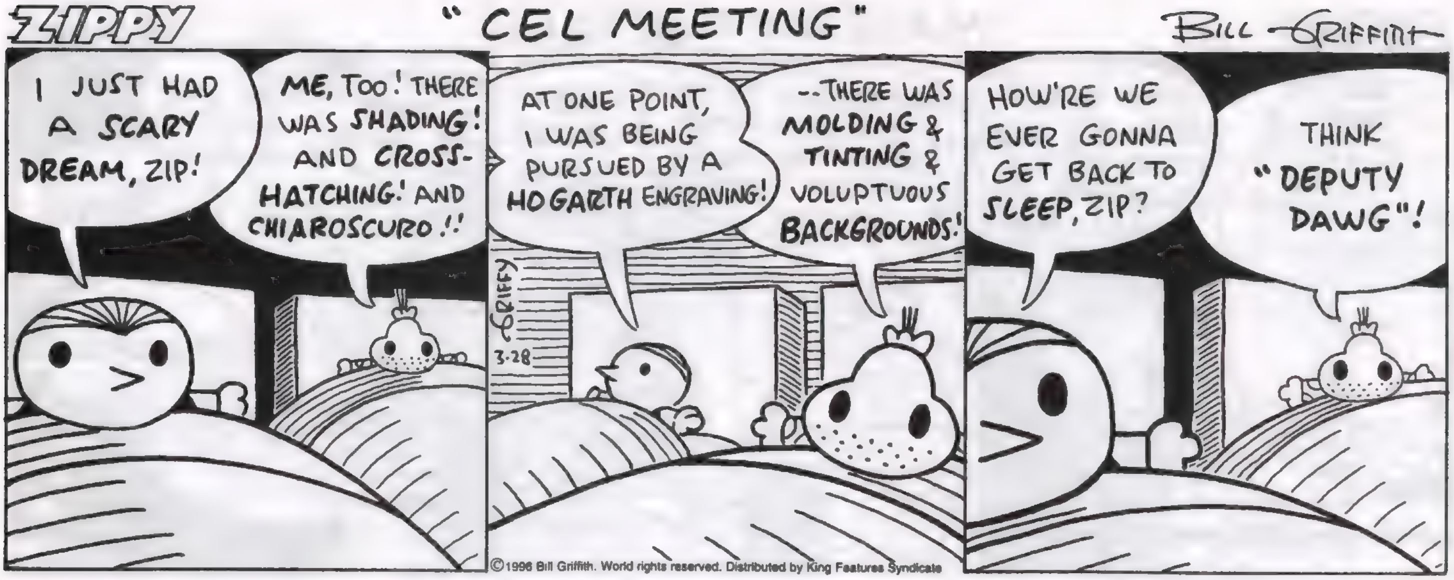
GRIFFY
WHAT'LL YOU HAVE, ZIP? I'M MIXING!
I COULD USE A LITTLE SERATONIN LIFT!
3-27
ZOLOFT OVER ICE WITH A TWIST?
THANKS. THAT'D BE A NICE BREAK FROM PROZAC 'N' JACK!


ZIPPY
"CEL MEETING"
BILL GRIFFITH
I JUST HAD A SCARY DREAM, ZIP!
ME, TOO! THERE WAS SHADING! AND CROSS-HATCHING! AND CHIAROSCURO!!
AT ONE POINT, I WAS BEING PURSUED BY A HOGARTH ENGRAVING!
--THERE WAS MOLDING & TINTING & VOLUPTUOUS BACKGROUNDS!
GRIFFY
3-28
HOW'RE WE EVER GONNA GET BACK TO SLEEP, ZIP?
THINK "DEPUTY DAWG"!

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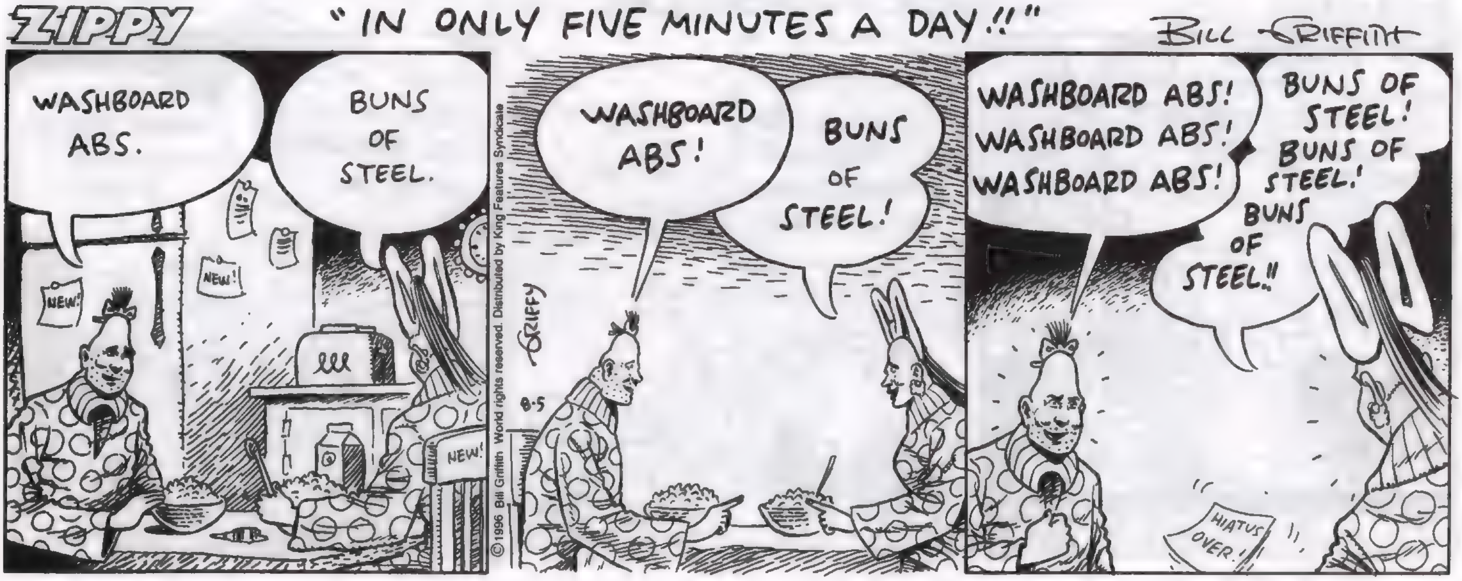
...and, after a li'l four month hiatus...


ZIPPY
"IN ONLY FIVE MINUTES A DAY!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
WASHBOARD ABS.
BUNS OF STEEL.
NEW!
NEW!
NEW!
WASHBOARD ABS!
BUNS OF STEEL!
GRIFFY
8-5
WASHBOARD ABS! WASHBOARD ABS! WASHBOARD ABS!
BUNS OF STEEL! BUNS OF STEEL! BUNS OF STEEL!!
HIATUS OVER!

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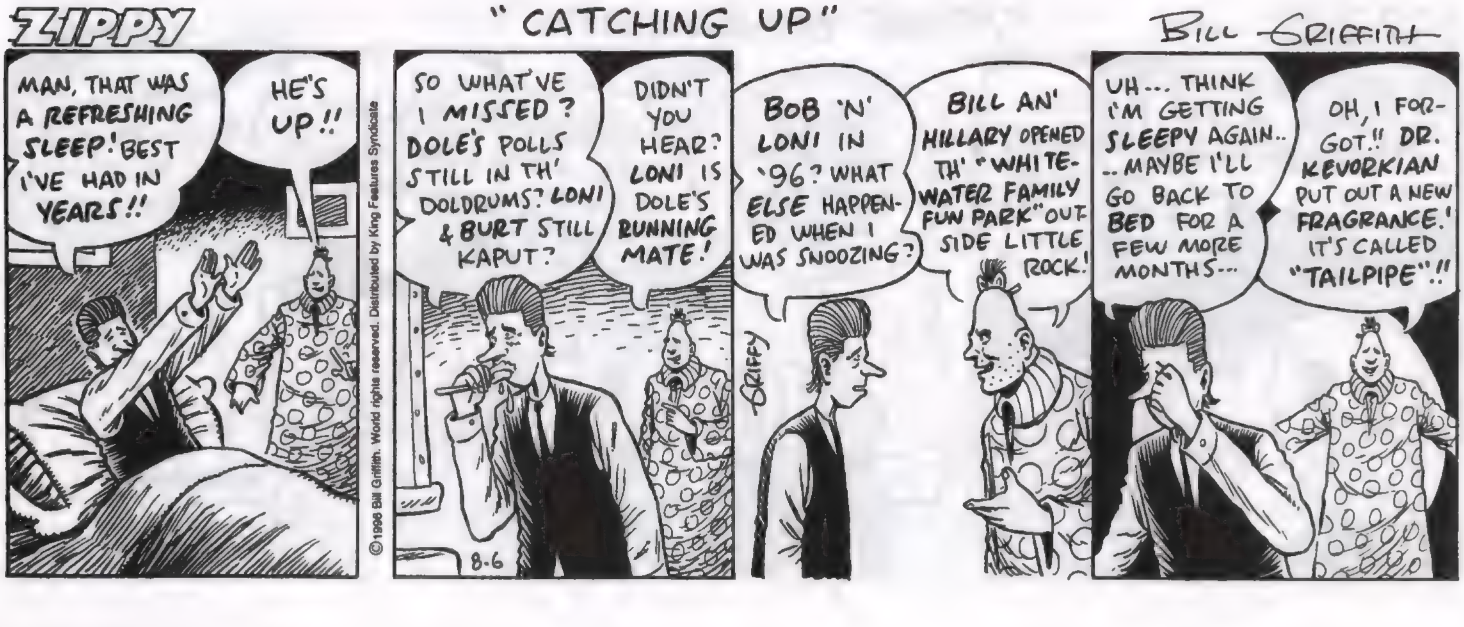
ZIPPY
"CATCHING UP"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAN, THAT WAS A REFRESHING SLEEP! BEST I'VE HAD IN YEARS!!
HE'S UP!!
SO WHAT'VE I MISSED? DOLE'S POLLS STILL IN TH' DOLDRUMS? LONI & BURT STILL KAPUT?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? LONI IS DOLE'S RUNNING MATE!
8-6
BOB 'N' LONI IN '96? WHAT ELSE HAPPENED WHEN I WAS SNOOZING?
BILL AN' HILLARY OPENED TH' "WHITEWATER FAMILY FUN PARK" OUTSIDE LITTLE ROCK!
GRIFFY
UH... THINK I'M GETTING SLEEPY AGAIN... MAYBE I'LL GO BACK TO BED FOR A FEW MORE MONTHS...
OH, I FORGOT!! DR. KEVORKIAN PUT OUT A NEW FRAGRANCE! IT'S CALLED "TAILPIPE"!!

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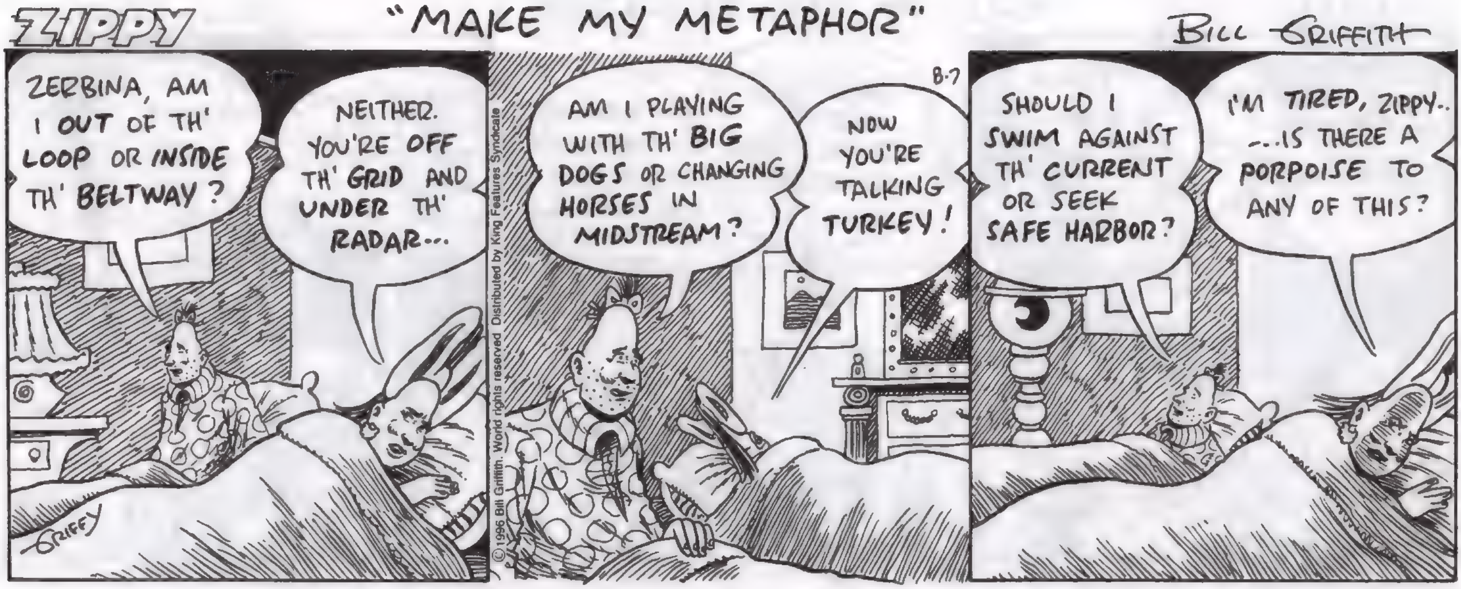
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"MAKE MY METAPHOR"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, AM I OUT OF TH' LOOP OR INSIDE TH' BELTWAY?
NEITHER. YOU'RE OFF TH' GRID AND UNDER TH' RADAR...
GRIFFY
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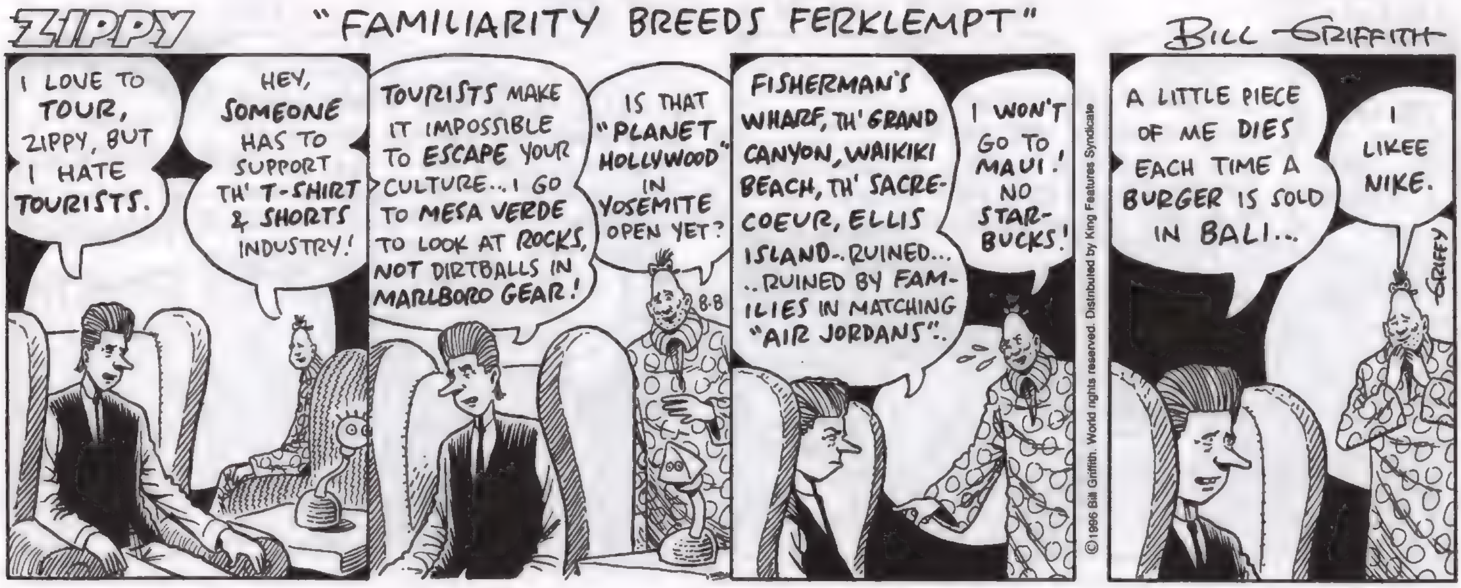
8-7
AM I PLAYING WITH TH' BIG DOGS OR CHANGING HORSES IN MIDSTREAM?
NOW YOU'RE TALKING TURKEY!
SHOULD I SWIM AGAINST TH' CURRENT OR SEEK SAFE HARBOR?
I'M TIRED, ZIPPY.. ...IS THERE A PORPOISE TO ANY OF THIS?


ZIPPY
"FAMILIARITY BREEDS FERKLEMPT"
BILL GRIFFITH
I LOVE TO TOUR, ZIPPY, BUT I HATE TOURISTS.
HEY, SOMEONE HAS TO SUPPORT TH' T-SHIRT & SHORTS INDUSTRY!
TOURISTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE YOUR CULTURE...I GO TO MESA VERDE TO LOOK AT ROCKS, NOT DIRTBALLS IN MARLBORO GEAR!
IS THAT "PLANET HOLLYWOOD" IN YOSEMITE OPEN YET?
8-8
FISHERMAN'S WHARF, TH' GRAND CANYON, WAIKIKI BEACH, TH' SACRE-COEUR, ELLIS ISLAND..RUINED... ..RUINED BY FAMILIES IN MATCHING "AIR JORDANS"..
I WON'T GO TO MAUI! NO STARBUCKS!
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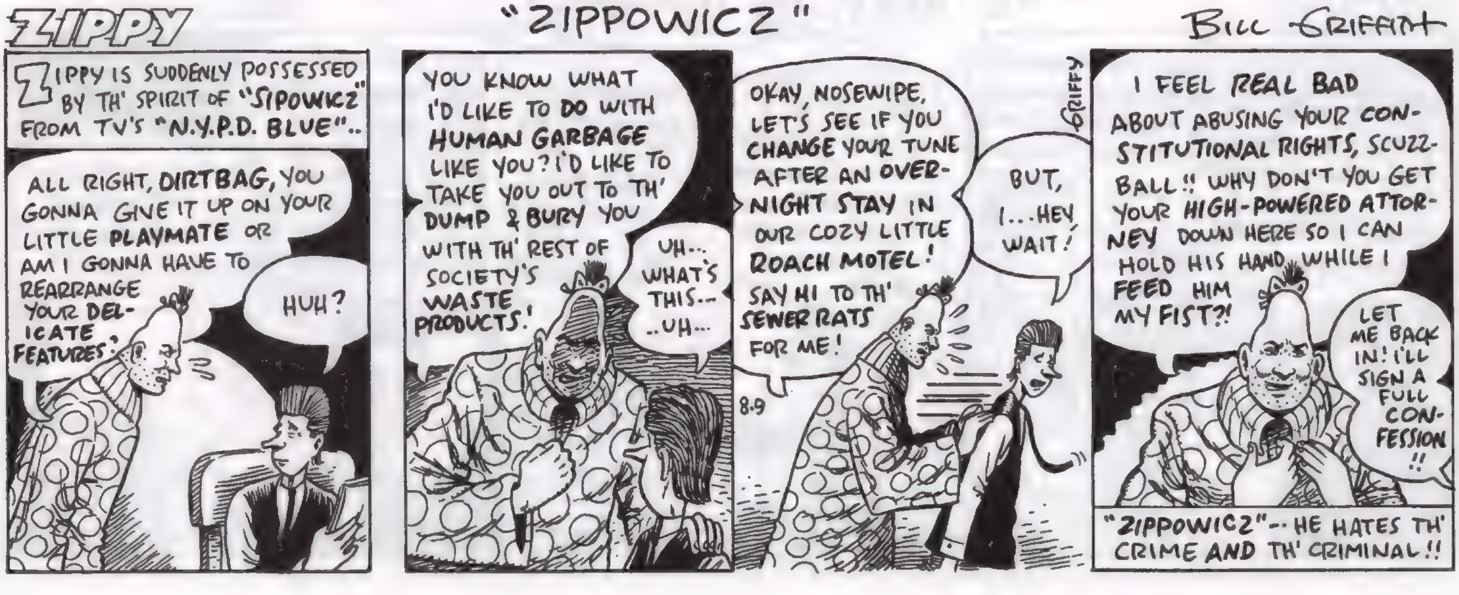
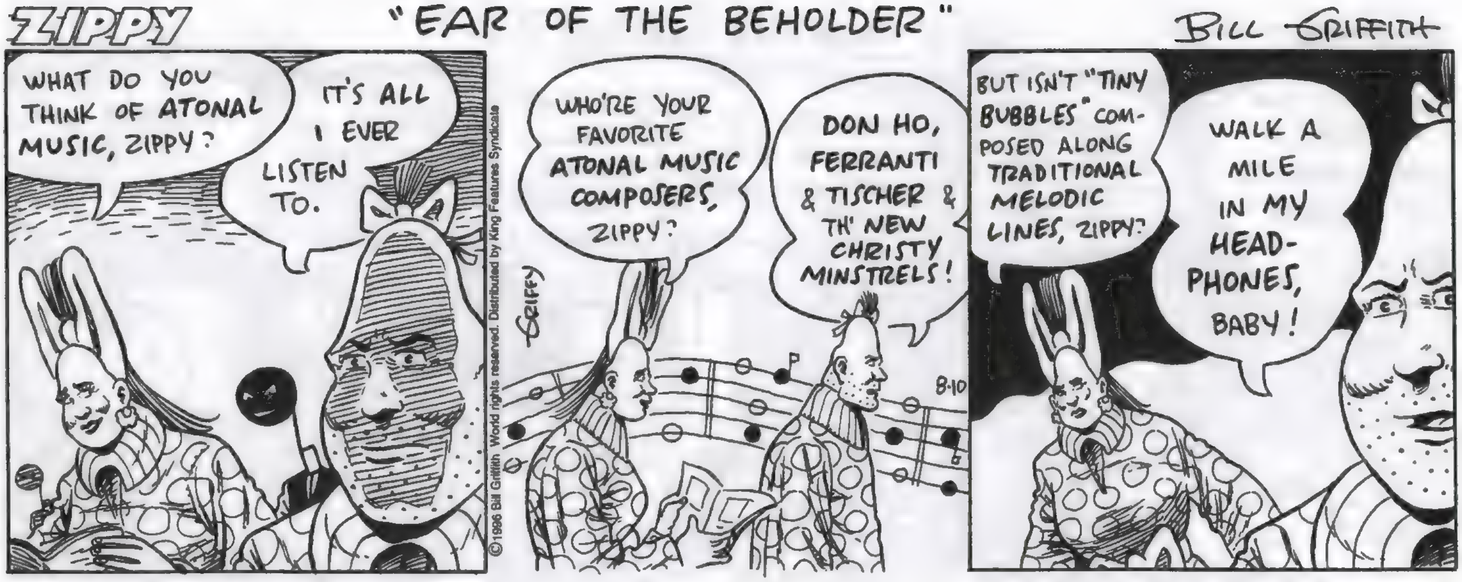
A LITTLE PIECE OF ME DIES EACH TIME A BURGER IS SOLD IN BALI...
I LIKEE NIKE.
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"ZIPPOWICZ"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY IS SUDDENLY POSSESSED BY TH' SPIRIT OF "SIPOWICZ" FROM TV'S "N.Y.P.D. BLUE"..
ALL RIGHT, DIRTBAG, YOU GONNA GIVE IT UP ON YOUR LITTLE PLAYMATE OR AM I GONNA HAVE TO REARRANGE YOUR DELICATE FEATURES?
HUH?
YOU KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO WITH HUMAN GARBAGE LIKE YOU? I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU OUT TO TH' DUMP & BURY YOU WITH TH' REST OF SOCIETY'S WASTE PRODUCTS!
UH... WHAT'S THIS... ..UH...
8-9
GRIFFY
OKAY, NOSEWIPE, LET'S SEE IF YOU CHANGE YOUR TUNE AFTER AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN OUR COZY LITTLE ROACH MOTEL! SAY HI TO TH' SEWER RATS FOR ME!
BUT, I...HEY WAIT!
I FEEL REAL BAD ABOUT ABUSING YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, SCUZZBALL!! WHY DON'T YOU GET YOUR HIGH-POWERED ATTORNEY DOWN HERE SO I CAN HOLD HIS HAND WHILE I FEED HIM MY FIST?!
LET ME BACK IN! I'LL SIGN A FULL CONFESSION!!
"ZIPPOWICZ"-- HE HATES TH' CRIME AND TH' CRIMINAL!!


ZIPPY
"EAR OF THE BEHOLDER"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ATONAL MUSIC, ZIPPY?
IT'S ALL I EVER LISTEN TO.
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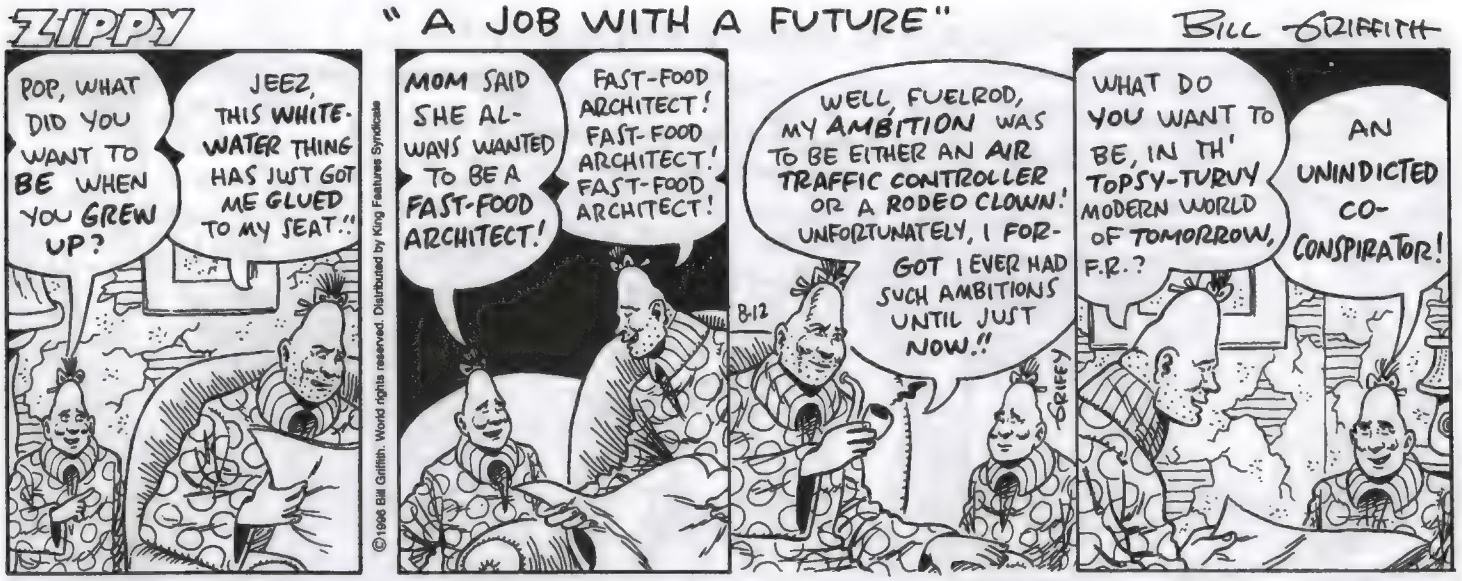
WHO'RE YOUR FAVORITE ATONAL MUSIC COMPOSERS, ZIPPY?
DON HO, FERRANTI & TISCHER & TH' NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS!
GRIFFY
8-10
BUT ISN'T "TINY BUBBLES" COMPOSED ALONG TRADITIONAL MELODIC LINES, ZIPPY?
WALK A MILE IN MY HEADPHONES, BABY!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"A JOB WITH A FUTURE"
BILL GRIFFITH
POP, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?
JEEZ, THIS WHITEWATER THING HAS JUST GOT ME GLUED TO MY SEAT!!
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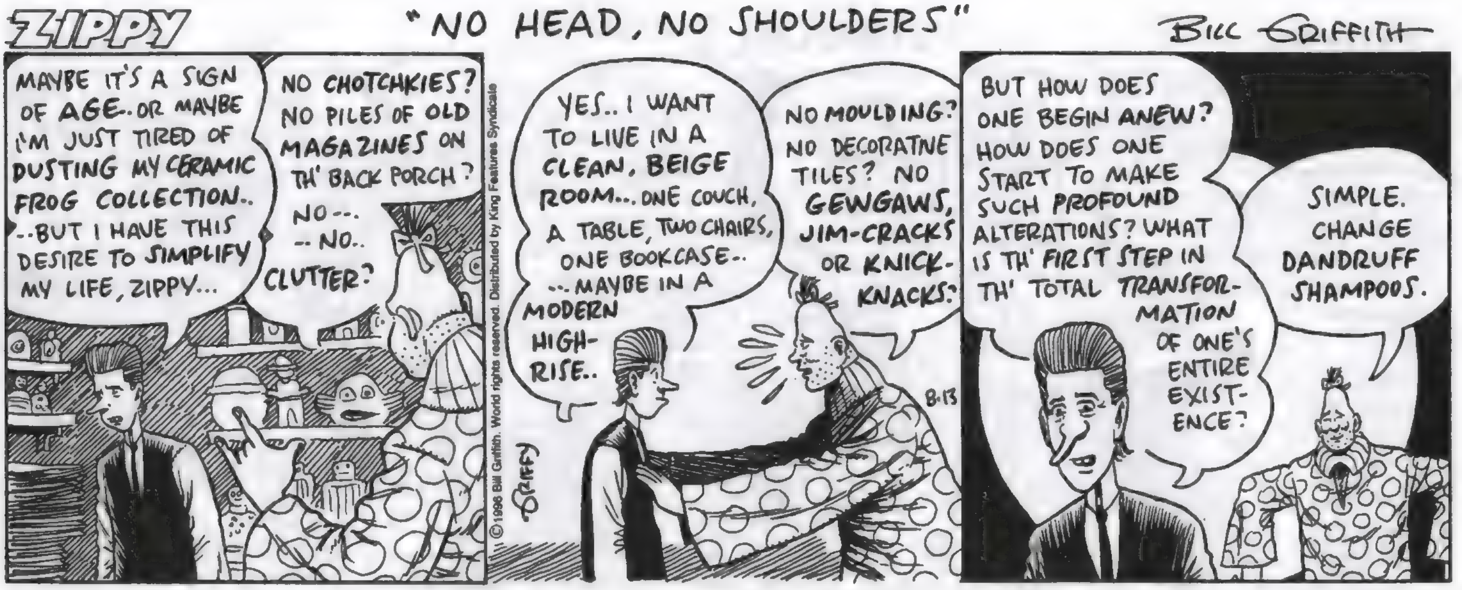
MOM SAID SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A FAST-FOOD ARCHITECT!
FAST-FOOD ARCHITECT! FAST-FOOD ARCHITECT! FAST-FOOD ARCHITECT!
WELL, FUELROD, MY AMBITION WAS TO BE EITHER AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER OR A RODEO CLOWN! UNFORTUNATELY, I FORGOT I EVER HAD SUCH AMBITIONS UNTIL JUST NOW!!
8-12
GRIFFY
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE, IN TH' TOPSY-TURVY MODERN WORLD OF TOMORROW, F.R.?
AN UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR!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"NO HEAD, NO SHOULDERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAYBE IT'S A SIGN OF AGE.. OR MAYBE I'M JUST TIRED OF DUSTING MY CERAMIC FROG COLLECTION.. ..BUT I HAVE THIS DESIRE TO SIMPLIFY MY LIFE, ZIPPY...
NO CHOTCHKIES? NO PILES OF OLD MAGAZINES ON TH' BACK PORCH? NO--. -- NO.. CLUTTER?
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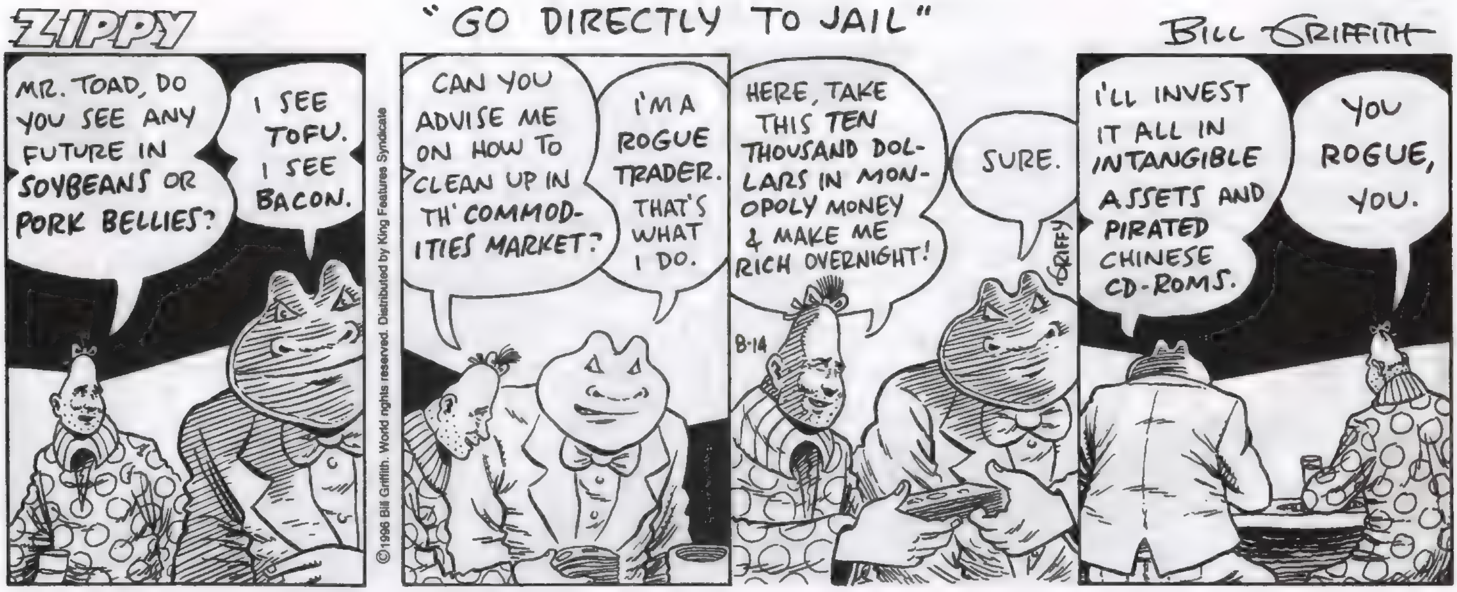
YES.. I WANT TO LIVE IN A CLEAN, BEIGE ROOM... ONE COUCH, A TABLE, TWO CHAIRS, ONE BOOKCASE.. ... MAYBE IN A MODERN HIGH-RISE..
NO MOULDING? NO DECORATIVE TILES? NO GEWGAWS, JIM-CRACKS OR KNICK-KNACKS?
8-13
GRIFFY
BUT HOW DOES ONE BEGIN ANEW? HOW DOES ONE START TO MAKE SUCH PROFOUND ALTERATIONS? WHAT IS TH' FIRST STEP IN TH' TOTAL TRANSFORMATION OF ONE'S ENTIRE EXISTENCE?
SIMPLE. CHANGE DANDRUFF SHAMPOOS.


ZIPPY
"GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, DO YOU SEE ANY FUTURE IN SOYBEANS OR PORK BELLIES?
I SEE TOFU. I SEE BACON.
CAN YOU ADVISE ME ON HOW TO CLEAN UP IN TH' COMMODITIES MARKET?
I'M A ROGUE TRADER. THAT'S WHAT I DO.
HERE, TAKE THIS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN MONOPOLY MONEY & MAKE ME RICH OVERNIGHT!
SURE.
GRIFFY
8-14
I'LL INVEST IT ALL IN INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND PIRATED CHINESE CD-ROMS.
YOU ROGUE, YOU.

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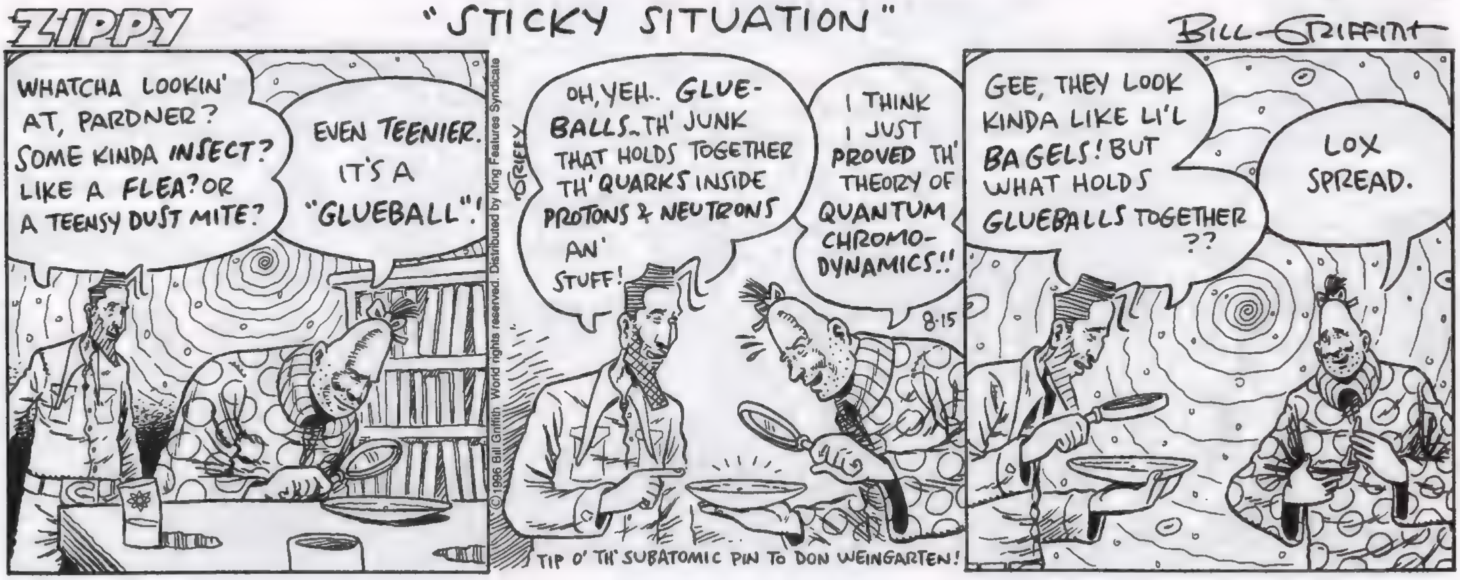
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"STICKY SITUATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHATCHA LOOKIN' AT, PARDNER? SOME KINDA INSECT? LIKE A FLEA? OR A TEENSY DUST MITE?
EVEN TEENIER. IT'S A "GLUEBALL"!
OH, YEH.. GLUEBALLS.. TH' JUNK THAT HOLDS TOGETHER TH' QUARKS INSIDE PROTONS & NEUTRONS AN' STUFF!
I THINK I JUST PROVED TH' THEORY OF QUANTUM CHROMODYNAMICS!!
GRIFFY
8-15
GEE, THEY LOOK KINDA LIKE LI'L BAGELS! BUT WHAT HOLDS GLUEBALLS TOGETHER ??
LOX SPREAD.
TIP O' TH' SUBATOMIC PIN TO DON WEINGARTEN!

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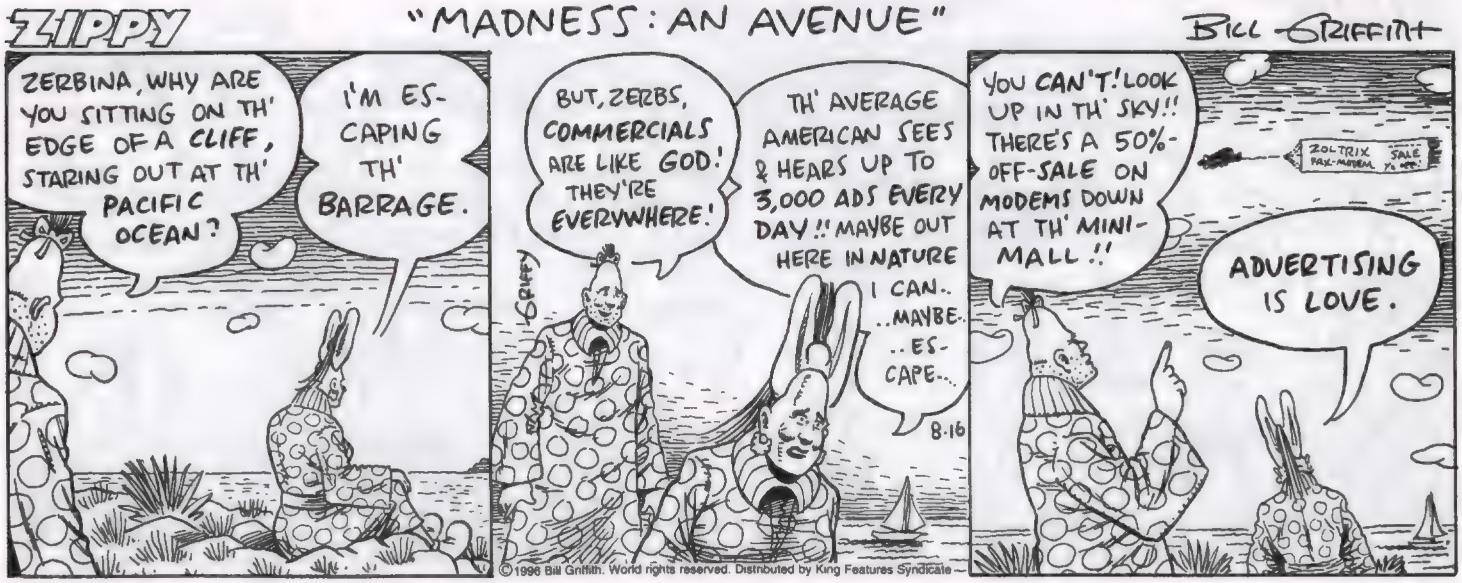
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"MADNESS: AN AVENUE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON TH' EDGE OF A CLIFF, STARING OUT AT TH' PACIFIC OCEAN?
I'M ESCAPING TH' BARRAGE.
BUT, ZERBS, COMMERCIALS ARE LIKE GOD! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!
TH' AVERAGE AMERICAN SEES & HEARS UP TO 3,000 ADS EVERY DAY!! MAYBE OUT HERE IN NATURE I CAN.. ..MAYBE.. ..ES- ..CAPE..
GRIFFY
8-16
YOU CAN'T! LOOK UP IN TH' SKY!! THERE'S A 50%-OFF-SALE ON MODEMS DOWN AT TH' MINI-MALL!!
ZOLTRIX FAX-MODEM SALE ½ OFF
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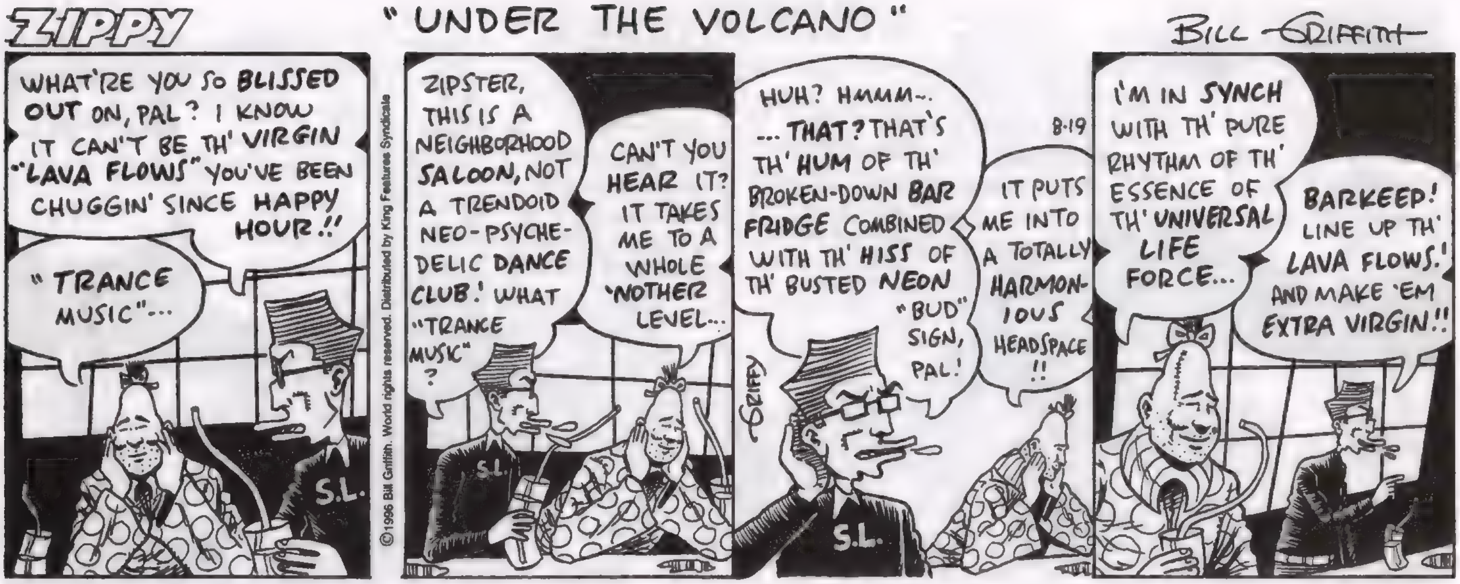
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"UNDER THE VOLCANO"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'RE YOU SO BLISSED OUT ON, PAL? I KNOW IT CAN'T BE TH' VIRGIN "LAVA FLOWS" YOU'VE BEEN CHUGGIN' SINCE HAPPY HOUR!!
"TRANCE MUSIC"...
S.L.
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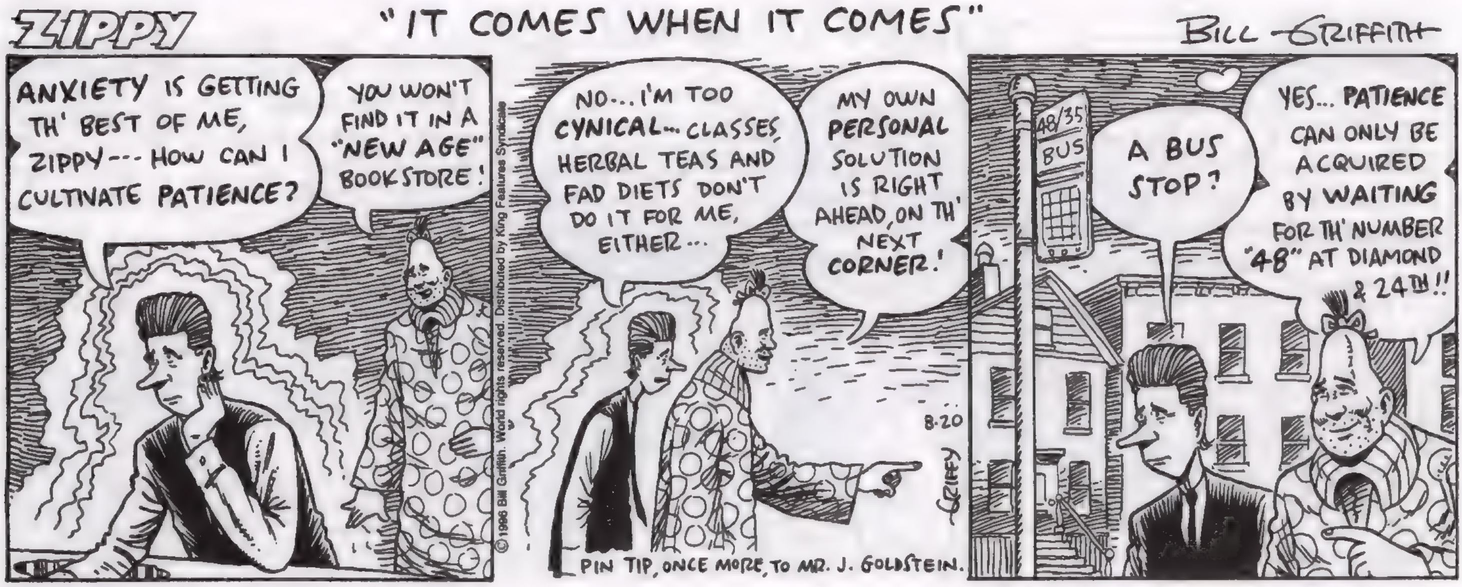
ZIPSTER, THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD SALOON, NOT A TRENDOID NEO-PSYCHEDELIC DANCE CLUB! WHAT "TRANCE MUSIC"?
CAN'T YOU HEAR IT? IT TAKES ME TO A WHOLE 'NOTHER LEVEL...
S.L.
HUH? HMMM... ...THAT? THAT'S TH' HUM OF TH' BROKEN-DOWN BAR FRIDGE COMBINED WITH TH' HISS OF TH' BUSTED NEON "BUD" SIGN, PAL!
IT PUTS ME INTO A TOTALLY HARMONIOUS HEADSPACE!!
8-19
GRIFFY
S.L.
I'M IN SYNCH WITH TH' PURE RHYTHM OF TH' ESSENCE OF TH' UNIVERSAL LIFE FORCE...
BARKEEP! LINE UP TH' LAVA FLOWS! AND MAKE 'EM EXTRA VIRGIN!!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"IT COMES WHEN IT COMES"
BILL GRIFFITH
ANXIETY IS GETTING TH' BEST OF ME, ZIPPY--- HOW CAN I CULTIVATE PATIENCE?
YOU WON'T FIND IT IN A "NEW AGE" BOOKSTORE!
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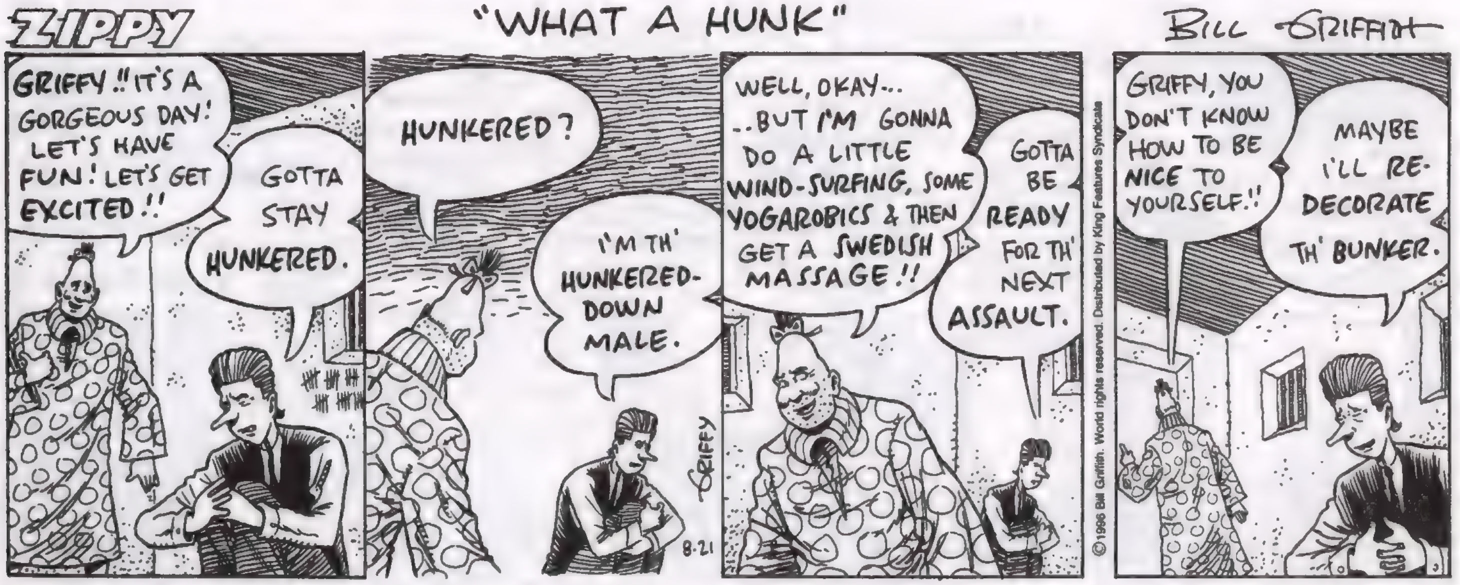
NO... I'M TOO CYNICAL... CLASSES, HERBAL TEAS AND FAD DIETS DON'T DO IT FOR ME, EITHER...
MY OWN PERSONAL SOLUTION IS RIGHT AHEAD, ON TH' NEXT CORNER!
8-20
GRIFFY
PIN TIP, ONCE MORE, TO MR. J. GOLDSTEIN.
48/35 BUS
A BUS STOP?
YES... PATIENCE CAN ONLY BE ACQUIRED BY WAITING FOR TH' NUMBER "48" AT DIAMOND & 24TH!!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"WHAT A HUNK"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY!! IT'S A GORGEOUS DAY! LET'S HAVE FUN! LET'S GET EXCITED!!
GOTTA STAY HUNKERED.
HUNKERED?
I'M TH' HUNKERED-DOWN MALE.
GRIFFY
8-21
WELL, OKAY... ..BUT I'M GONNA DO A LITTLE WIND-SURFING, SOME YOGAROBICS & THEN GET A SWEDISH MASSAGE!!
GOTTA BE READY FOR TH' NEXT ASSAULT.
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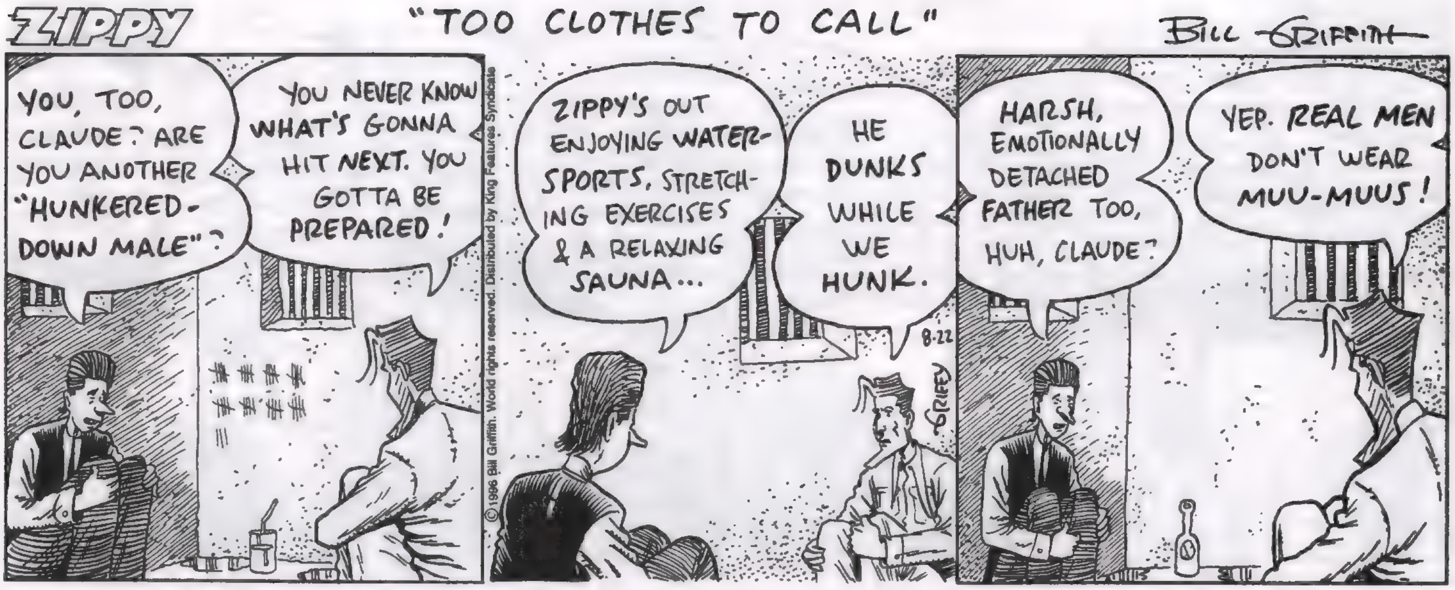
GRIFFY, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE NICE TO YOURSELF!!
MAYBE I'LL REDECORATE TH' BUNKER.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"TOO CLOTHES TO CALL"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU, TOO, CLAUDE? ARE YOU ANOTHER "HUNKERED-DOWN MALE"?
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HIT NEXT. YOU GOTTA BE PREPARED!
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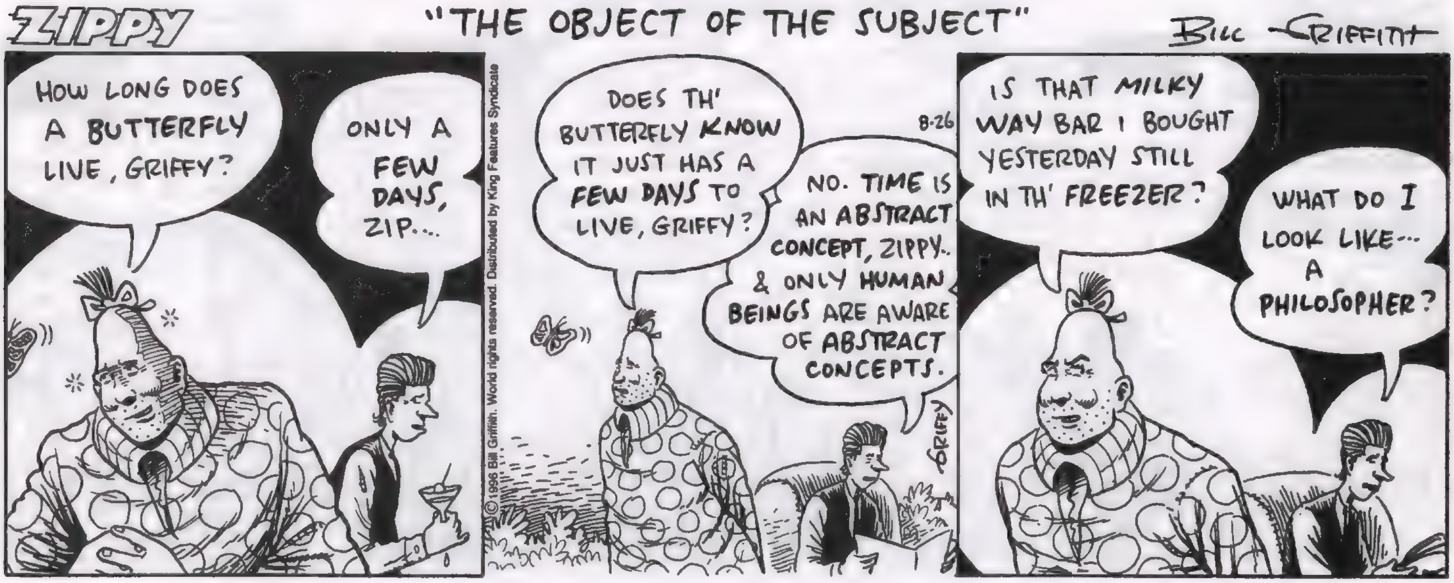
ZIPPY'S OUT ENJOYING WATER-SPORTS, STRETCHING EXERCISES & A RELAXING SAUNA...
HE DUNKS WHILE WE HUNK.
8-22
GRIFFY
HARSH, EMOTIONALLY DETACHED FATHER TOO, HUH, CLAUDE?
YEP. REAL MEN DON'T WEAR MUU-MUUS!


ZIPPY
"THE OBJECT OF THE SUBJECT"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW LONG DOES A BUTTERFLY LIVE, GRIFFY?
ONLY A FEW DAYS, ZIP...
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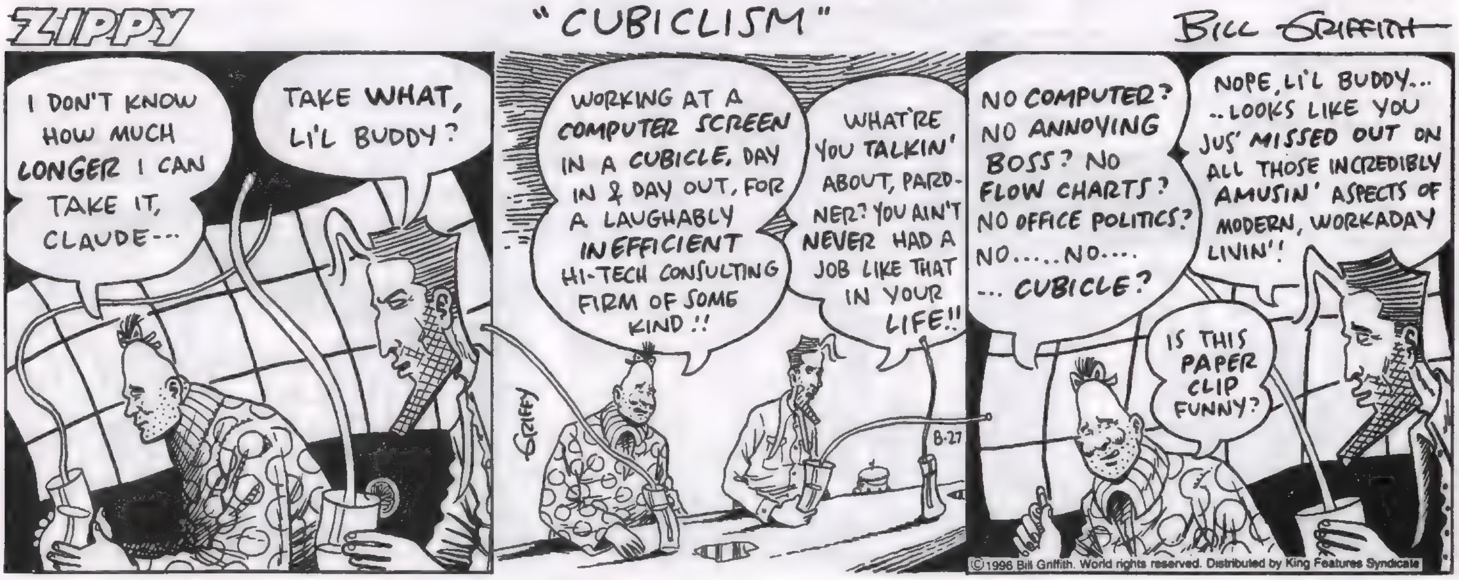
DOES TH' BUTTERFLY KNOW IT JUST HAS A FEW DAYS TO LIVE, GRIFFY?
8-26
NO. TIME IS AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT, ZIPPY.. & ONLY HUMAN BEINGS ARE AWARE OF ABSTRACT CONCEPTS.
GRIFFY
IS THAT MILKY WAY BAR I BOUGHT YESTERDAY STILL IN TH' FREEZER?
WHAT DO I LOOK LIKE... A PHILOSOPHER?


ZIPPY
"CUBICLISM"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN TAKE IT, CLAUDE...
TAKE WHAT, LI'L BUDDY?
WORKING AT A COMPUTER SCREEN IN A CUBICLE, DAY IN & DAY OUT, FOR A LAUGHABLY INEFFICIENT HI-TECH CONSULTING FIRM OF SOME KIND!!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT, PARDNER? YOU AIN'T NEVER HAD A JOB LIKE THAT IN YOUR LIFE!!
GRIFFY
8-27
NO COMPUTER? NO ANNOYING BOSS? NO FLOW CHARTS? NO OFFICE POLITICS? NO.....NO.... ...CUBICLE?
NOPE, LI'L BUDDY... ..LOOKS LIKE YOU JUS' MISSED OUT ON ALL THOSE INCREDIBLY AMUSIN' ASPECTS OF MODERN, WORKADAY LIVIN'!
IS THIS PAPER CLIP FUNNY?
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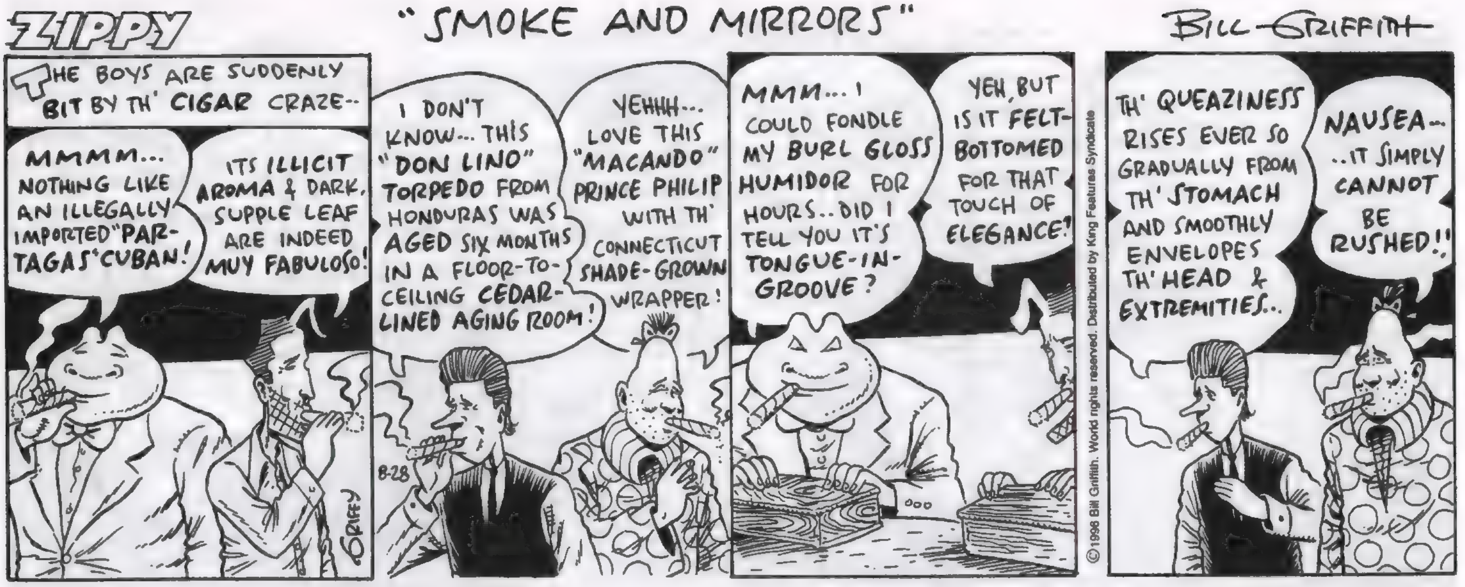
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"SMOKE AND MIRRORS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE BOYS ARE SUDDENLY BIT BY TH' CIGAR CRAZE--
MMMM... NOTHING LIKE AN ILLEGALLY IMPORTED "PARTAGAS" CUBAN!
ITS ILLICIT AROMA & DARK, SUPPLE LEAF ARE INDEED MUY FABULOSO!
GRIFFY
8-28
I DON'T KNOW... THIS "DON LINO" TORPEDO FROM HONDURAS WAS AGED SIX MONTHS IN A FLOOR-TO-CEILING CEDAR-LINED AGING ROOM!
YEHHH... LOVE THIS "MACANDO" PRINCE PHILIP WITH TH' CONNECTICUT SHADE-GROWN WRAPPER!
MMM... I COULD FONDLE MY BURL GLOSS HUMIDOR FOR HOURS... DID I TELL YOU IT'S TONGUE-IN-GROOVE?
YEH, BUT IS IT FELT-BOTTOMED FOR THAT TOUCH OF ELEGANCE?
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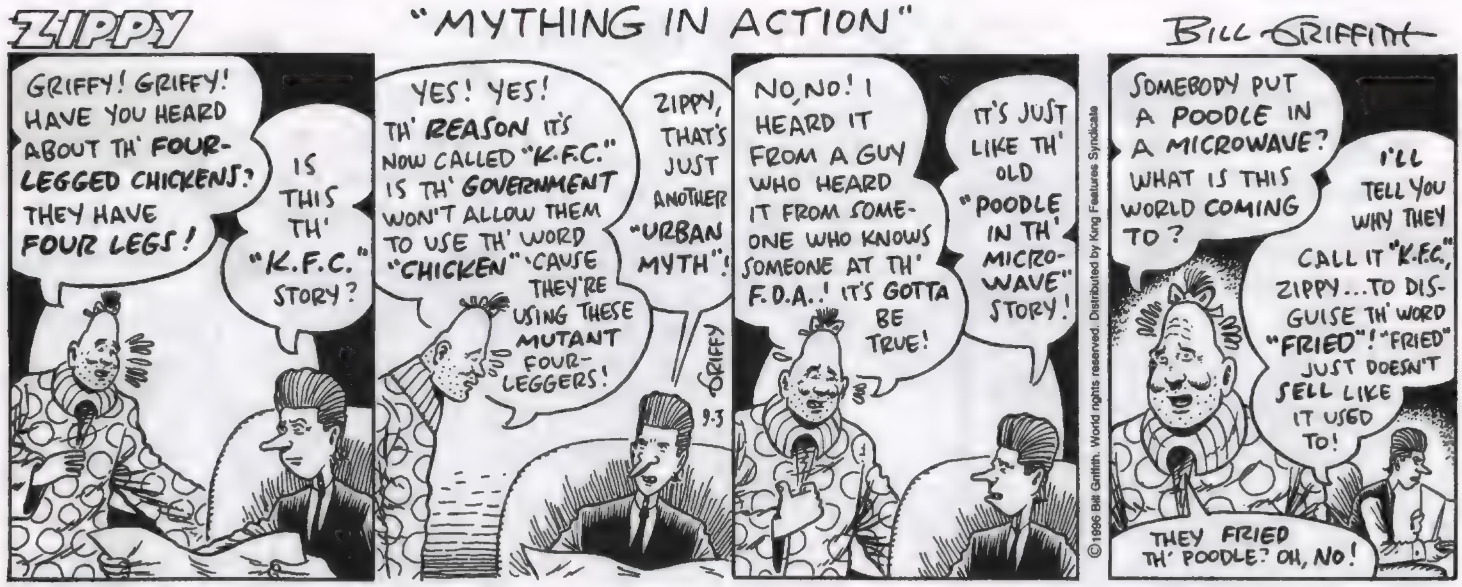
TH' QUEAZINESS RISES EVER SO GRADUALLY FROM TH' STOMACH AND SMOOTHLY ENVELOPES TH' HEAD & EXTREMITIES..
NAUSEA-- ..IT SIMPLY CANNOT BE RUSHED!!


ZIPPY
"MYTHING IN ACTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! GRIFFY! HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT TH' FOUR-LEGGED CHICKENS? THEY HAVE FOUR LEGS!
IS THIS TH' "K.F.C." STORY?
YES! YES! TH' REASON IT'S NOW CALLED "K.F.C." IS TH' GOVERNMENT WON'T ALLOW THEM TO USE TH' WORD "CHICKEN" 'CAUSE THEY'RE USING THESE MUTANT FOUR-LEGGERS!
ZIPPY, THAT'S JUST ANOTHER "URBAN MYTH"!
GRIFFY
9-3
NO, NO! I HEARD IT FROM A GUY WHO HEARD IT FROM SOMEONE WHO KNOWS SOMEONE AT TH' F.D.A.! IT'S GOTTA BE TRUE!
IT'S JUST LIKE TH' OLD "POODLE IN TH' MICROWAVE" STORY!
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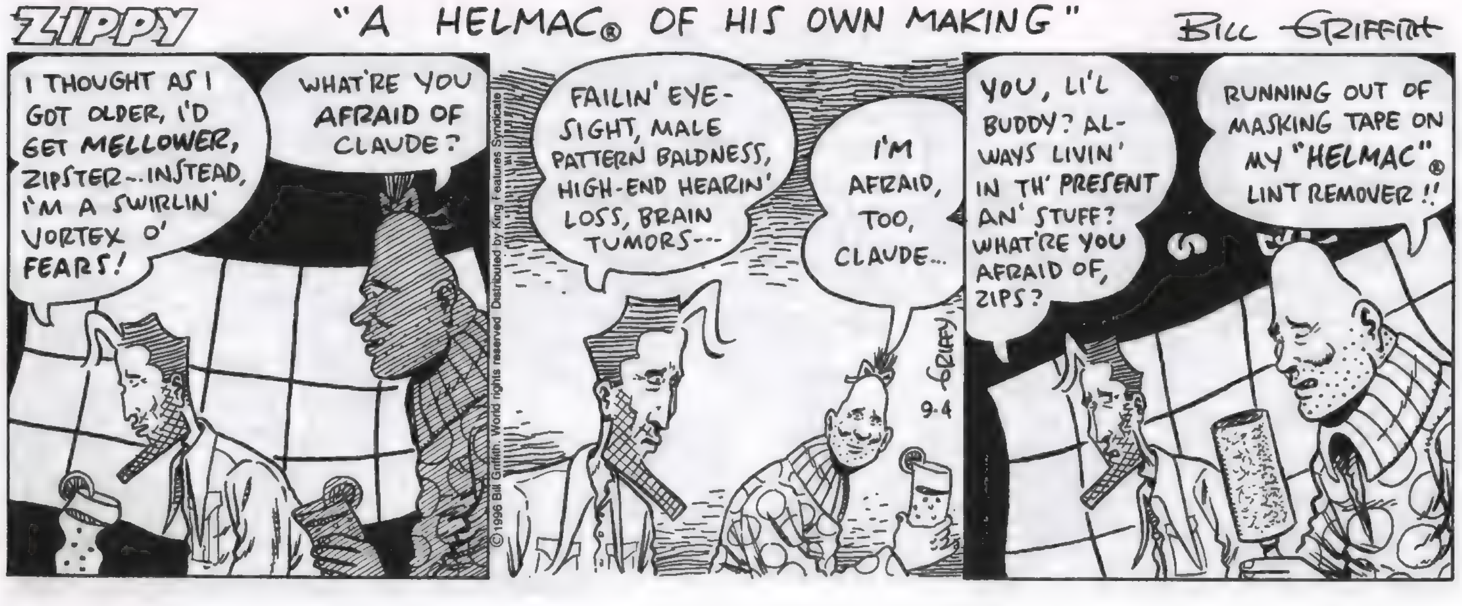
SOMEBODY PUT A POODLE IN A MICROWAVE? WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO?
I'LL TELL YOU WHY THEY CALL IT "K.F.C.", ZIPPY... TO DISGUISE TH' WORD "FRIED"! "FRIED" JUST DOESN'T SELL LIKE IT USED TO!
THEY FRIED TH' POODLE? OH, NO!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"A HELMAC® OF HIS OWN MAKING"
BILL GRIFFITH
I THOUGHT AS I GOT OLDER, I'D GET MELLOWER, ZIPSTER-- INSTEAD, I'M A SWIRLIN' VORTEX O' FEARS!
WHAT'RE YOU AFRAID OF CLAUDE?
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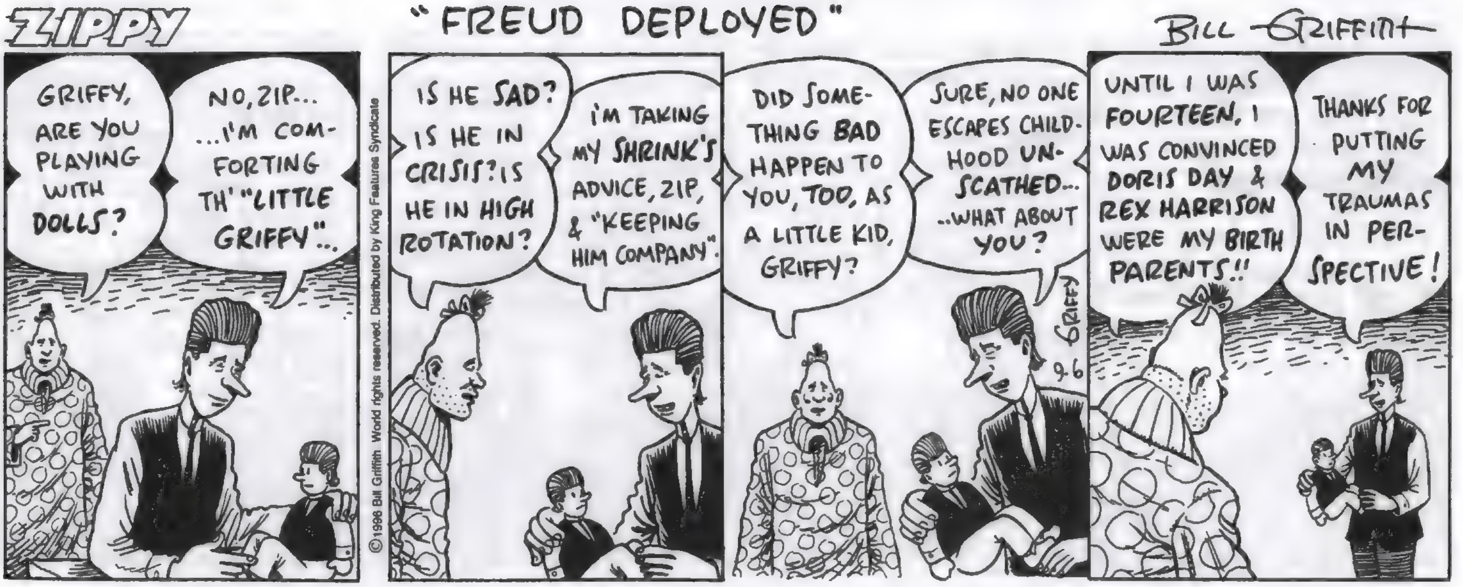
FAILIN' EYESIGHT, MALE PATTERN BALDNESS, HIGH-END HEARIN' LOSS, BRAIN TUMORS---
I'M AFRAID, TOO, CLAUDE...
GRIFFY
9-4
YOU, LI'L BUDDY? ALWAYS LIVIN' IN TH' PRESENT AN' STUFF? WHAT'RE YOU AFRAID OF, ZIPS?
RUNNING OUT OF MASKING TAPE ON MY "HELMAC"® LINT REMOVER!!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"FREUD DEPLOYED"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, ARE YOU PLAYING WITH DOLLS?
NO, ZIP... ...I'M COMFORTING TH' "LITTLE GRIFFY"...
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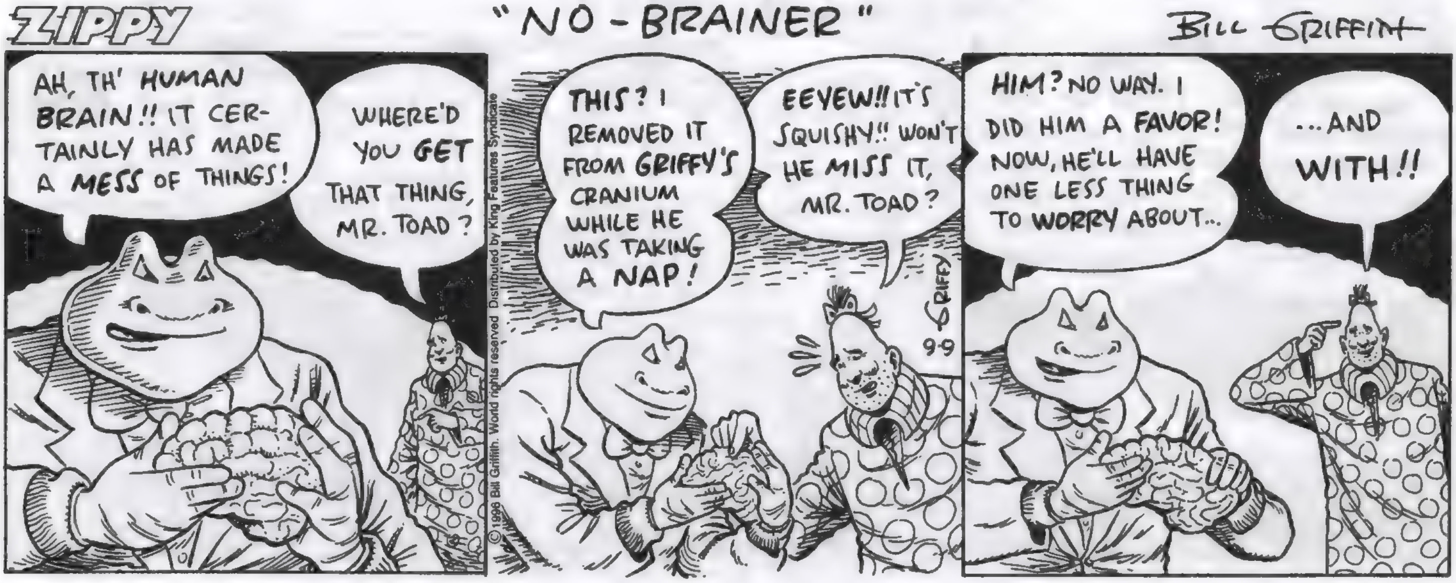
IS HE SAD? IS HE IN CRISIS? IS HE IN HIGH ROTATION?
I'M TAKING MY SHRINK'S ADVICE, ZIP, & "KEEPING HIM COMPANY".
DID SOMETHING BAD HAPPEN TO YOU, TOO, AS A LITTLE KID, GRIFFY?
SURE, NO ONE ESCAPES CHILDHOOD UNSCATHED... ..WHAT ABOUT YOU?
GRIFFY 9-6
UNTIL I WAS FOURTEEN, I WAS CONVINCED DORIS DAY & REX HARRISON WERE MY BIRTH PARENTS!!
THANKS FOR PUTTING MY TRAUMAS IN PERSPECTIVE!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"NO-BRAINER"
BILL GRIFFITH
AH, TH' HUMAN BRAIN!! IT CERTAINLY HAS MADE A MESS OF THINGS!
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT THING, MR. TOAD?
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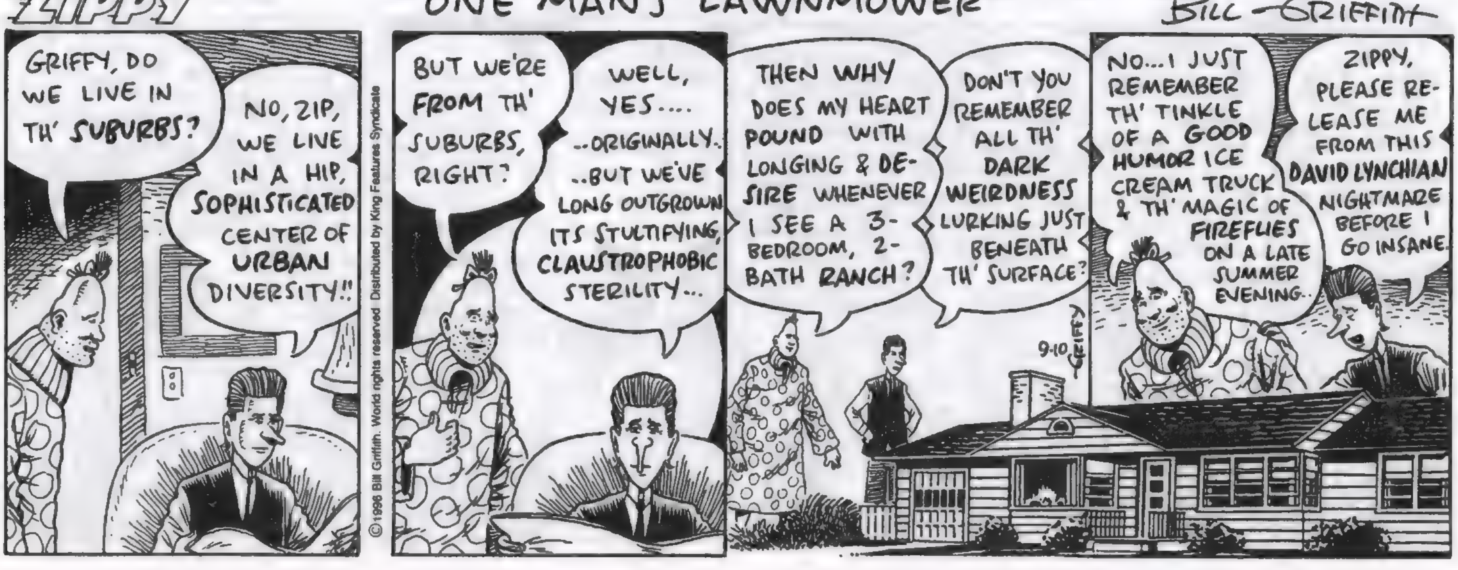
THIS? I REMOVED IT FROM GRIFFY'S CRANIUM WHILE HE WAS TAKING A NAP!
EEYEW!! IT'S SQUISHY!! WON'T HE MISS IT, MR. TOAD?
GRIFFY 9-9
HIM? NO WAY. I DID HIM A FAVOR! NOW, HE'LL HAVE ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT...
...AND WITH!!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"ONE MAN'S LAWNMOWER"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, DO WE LIVE IN TH' SUBURBS?
NO, ZIP, WE LIVE IN A HIP, SOPHISTICATED CENTER OF URBAN DIVERSITY!!
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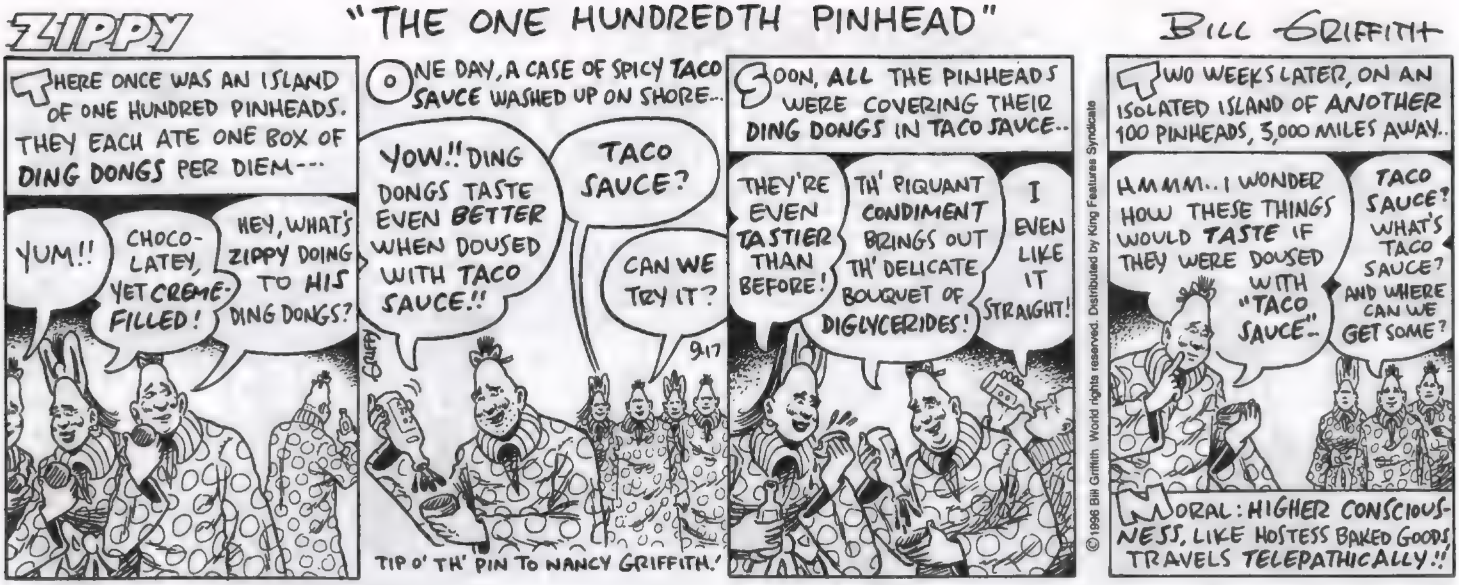
BUT WE'RE FROM TH' SUBURBS, RIGHT?
WELL, YES.... ..ORIGINALLY.. ..BUT WE'VE LONG OUTGROWN ITS STULTIFYING, CLAUSTROPHOBIC STERILITY...
THEN WHY DOES MY HEART POUND WITH LONGING & DESIRE WHENEVER I SEE A 3-BEDROOM, 2-BATH RANCH?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ALL TH' DARK WEIRDNESS LURKING JUST BENEATH TH' SURFACE?
9-10 GRIFFY
NO...I JUST REMEMBER TH' TINKLE OF A GOOD HUMOR ICE CREAM TRUCK & TH' MAGIC OF FIREFLIES ON A LATE SUMMER EVENING...
ZIPPY, PLEASE RELEASE ME FROM THIS DAVID LYNCHIAN NIGHTMARE BEFORE I GO INSANE.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"THE ONE HUNDREDTH PINHEAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
THERE ONCE WAS AN ISLAND OF ONE HUNDRED PINHEADS. THEY EACH ATE ONE BOX OF DING DONGS PER DIEM---
YUM!!
CHOCOLATEY, YET CREME-FILLED!
HEY, WHAT'S ZIPPY DOING TO HIS DING DONGS?
ONE DAY, A CASE OF SPICY TACO SAUCE WASHED UP ON SHORE...
YOW!! DING DONGS TASTE EVEN BETTER WHEN DOUSED WITH TACO SAUCE!!
TACO SAUCE?
CAN WE TRY IT?
GRIFFY
9-17
TIP O' TH' PIN TO NANCY GRIFFITH!
SOON, ALL THE PINHEADS WERE COVERING THEIR DING DONGS IN TACO SAUCE..
THEY'RE EVEN TASTIER THAN BEFORE!
TH' PIQUANT CONDIMENT BRINGS OUT TH' DELICATE BOUQUET OF DIGLYCERIDES!
I EVEN LIKE IT STRAIGHT!
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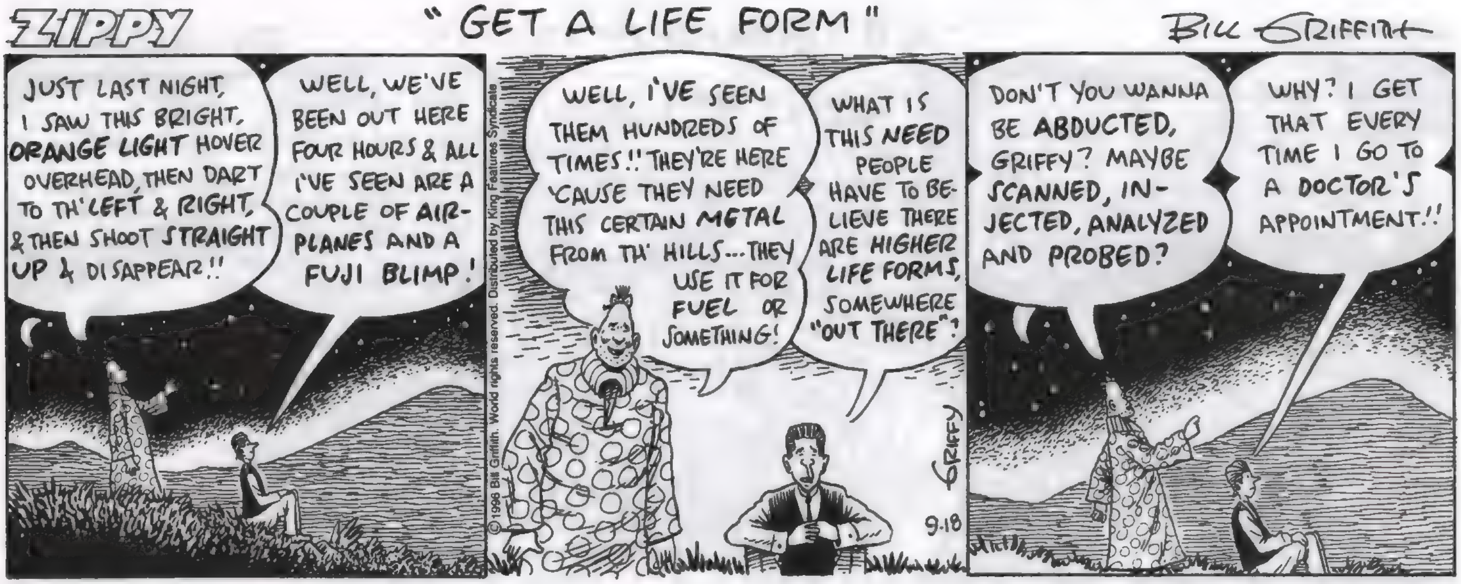
TWO WEEKS LATER, ON AN ISOLATED ISLAND OF ANOTHER 100 PINHEADS, 3,000 MILES AWAY..
HMMM.. I WONDER HOW THESE THINGS WOULD TASTE IF THEY WERE DOUSED WITH "TACO SAUCE"..
TACO SAUCE? WHAT'S TACO SAUCE? AND WHERE CAN WE GET SOME?
MORAL: HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS, LIKE HOSTESS BAKED GOODS, TRAVELS TELEPATHICALLY!!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" GET A LIFE FORM "
BILL GRIFFITH
JUST LAST NIGHT, I SAW THIS BRIGHT, ORANGE LIGHT HOVER OVERHEAD, THEN DART TO TH' LEFT & RIGHT, & THEN SHOOT STRAIGHT UP & DISAPPEAR!!
WELL, WE'VE BEEN OUT HERE FOUR HOURS & ALL I'VE SEEN ARE A COUPLE OF AIRPLANES AND A FUJI BLIMP!
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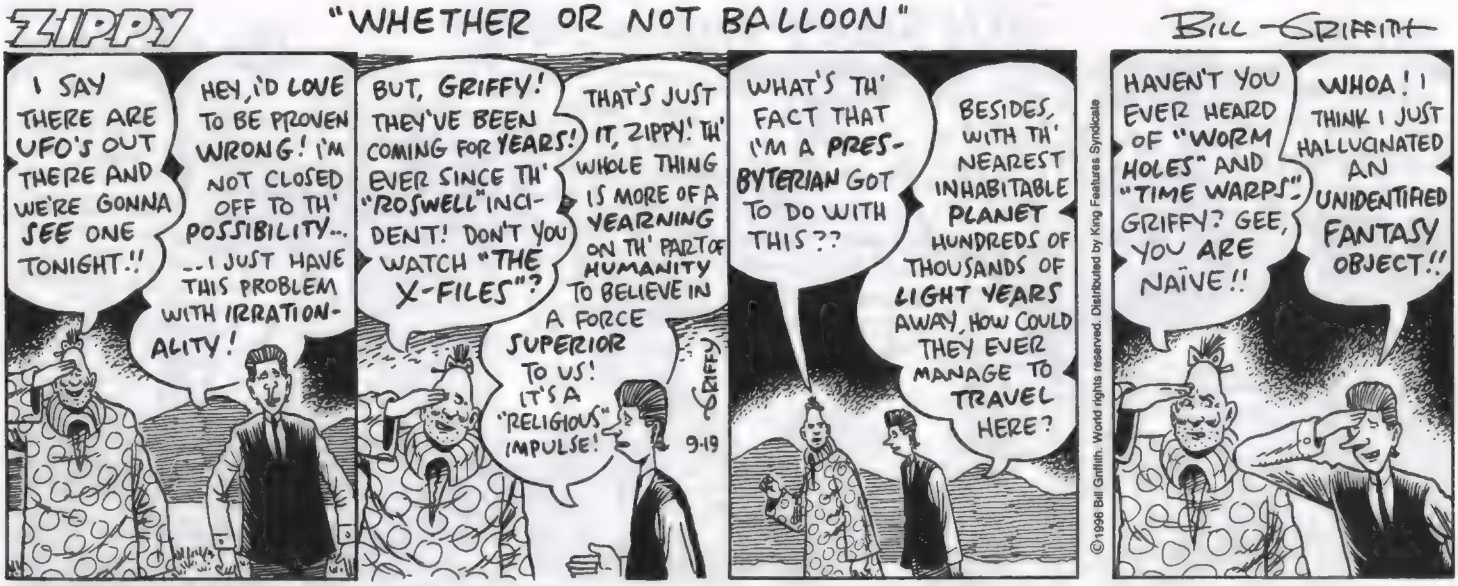
WELL, I'VE SEEN THEM HUNDREDS OF TIMES!! THEY'RE HERE 'CAUSE THEY NEED THIS CERTAIN METAL FROM TH' HILLS... THEY USE IT FOR FUEL OR SOMETHING!
WHAT IS THIS NEED PEOPLE HAVE TO BELIEVE THERE ARE HIGHER LIFE FORMS, SOMEWHERE "OUT THERE"?
GRIFFY
9-18
DON'T YOU WANNA BE ABDUCTED, GRIFFY? MAYBE SCANNED, INJECTED, ANALYZED AND PROBED?
WHY? I GET THAT EVERY TIME I GO TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT!!


ZIPPY
"WHETHER OR NOT BALLOON"
BILL GRIFFITH
I SAY THERE ARE UFO'S OUT THERE AND WE'RE GONNA SEE ONE TONIGHT!!
HEY, I'D LOVE TO BE PROVEN WRONG! I'M NOT CLOSED OFF TO TH' POSSIBILITY... ..I JUST HAVE THIS PROBLEM WITH IRRATIONALITY!
BUT, GRIFFY! THEY'VE BEEN COMING FOR YEARS! EVER SINCE TH' "ROSWELL" INCIDENT! DON'T YOU WATCH "THE X-FILES"?
THAT'S JUST IT, ZIPPY! TH' WHOLE THING IS MORE OF A YEARNING ON TH' PART OF HUMANITY TO BELIEVE IN A FORCE SUPERIOR TO US! IT'S A "RELIGIOUS" IMPULSE!
GRIFFY
9-19
WHAT'S TH' FACT THAT I'M A PRESBYTERIAN GOT TO DO WITH THIS??
BESIDES, WITH TH' NEAREST INHABITABLE PLANET HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIGHT YEARS AWAY, HOW COULD THEY EVER MANAGE TO TRAVEL HERE?
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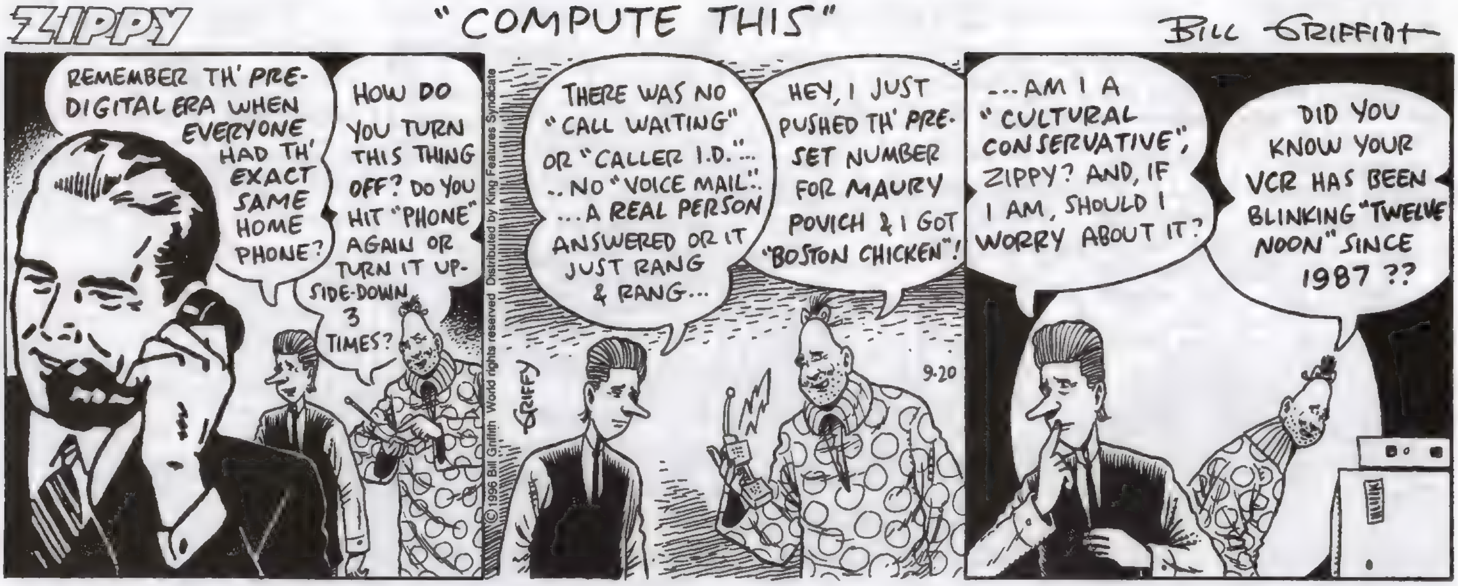
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF "WORM HOLES" AND "TIME WARPS", GRIFFY? GEE, YOU ARE NAÏVE!!
WHOA! I THINK I JUST HALLUCINATED AN UNIDENTIFIED FANTASY OBJECT!!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"COMPUTE THIS"
BILL GRIFFITH
REMEMBER TH' PRE-DIGITAL ERA WHEN EVERYONE HAD TH' EXACT SAME HOME PHONE?
HOW DO YOU TURN THIS THING OFF? DO YOU HIT "PHONE" AGAIN OR TURN IT UP-SIDE-DOWN 3 TIMES?
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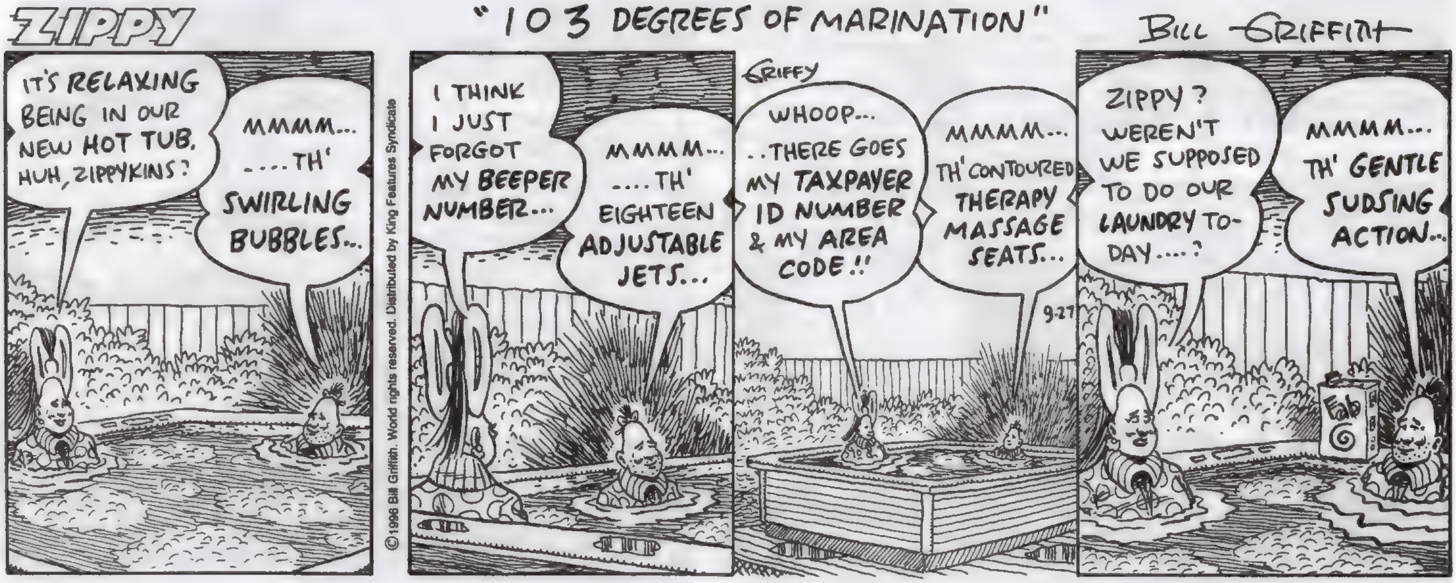
GRIFFY
THERE WAS NO "CALL WAITING" OR "CALLER I.D."... ..NO "VOICE MAIL"... ...A REAL PERSON ANSWERED OR IT JUST RANG & RANG...
HEY, I JUST PUSHED TH' PRE-SET NUMBER FOR MAURY POVICH & I GOT "BOSTON CHICKEN"!
9-20
...AM I A "CULTURAL CONSERVATIVE", ZIPPY? AND, IF I AM, SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT IT?
DID YOU KNOW YOUR VCR HAS BEEN BLINKING "TWELVE NOON" SINCE 1987??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"103 DEGREES OF MARINATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S RELAXING BEING IN OUR NEW HOT TUB, HUH, ZIPPYKINS?
MMMM... ....TH' SWIRLING BUBBLES...
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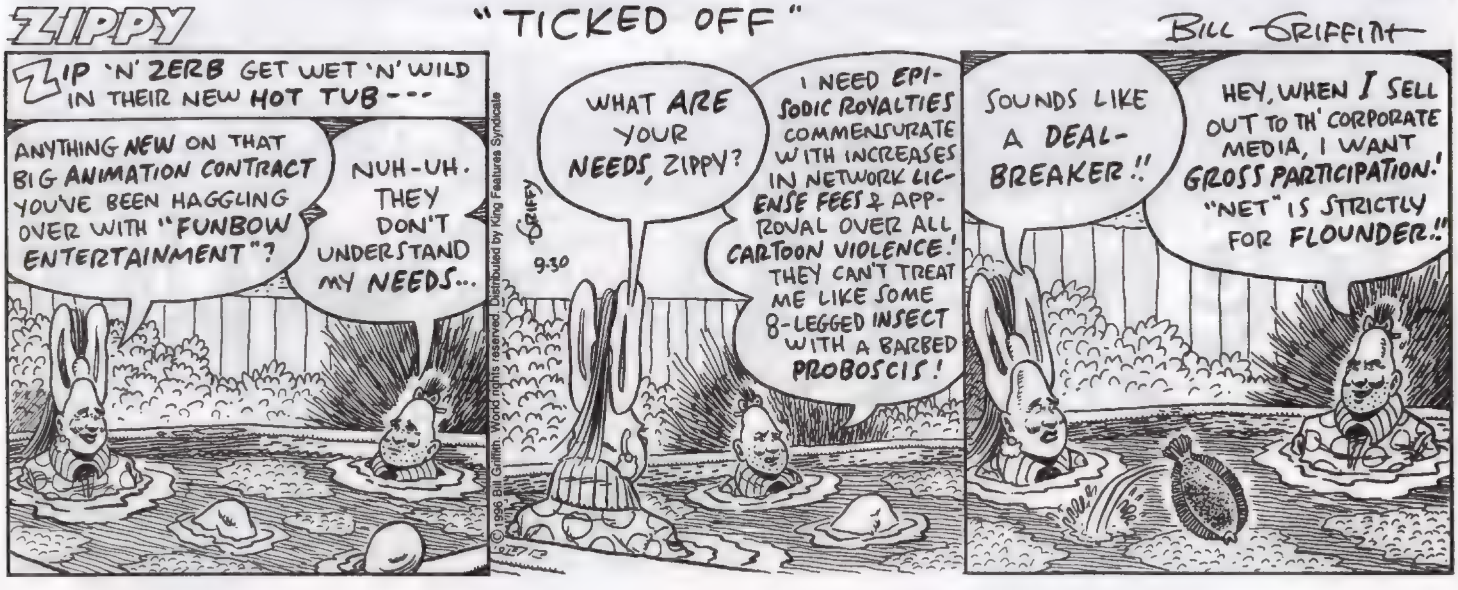
I THINK I JUST FORGOT MY BEEPER NUMBER...
MMMM... ....TH' EIGHTEEN ADJUSTABLE JETS...
GRIFFY
WHOOP... ..THERE GOES MY TAXPAYER ID NUMBER & MY AREA CODE!!
MMMM... TH' CONTOURED THERAPY MASSAGE SEATS...
9-27
ZIPPY? WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO DO OUR LAUNDRY TO-DAY....?
MMMM... TH' GENTLE SUDSING ACTION...
Fab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"TICKED OFF"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIP 'N' ZERB GET WET 'N' WILD IN THEIR NEW HOT TUB---
ANYTHING NEW ON THAT BIG ANIMATION CONTRACT YOU'VE BEEN HAGGLING OVER WITH "FUNBOW ENTERTAINMENT"?
NUH-UH. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND MY NEEDS...
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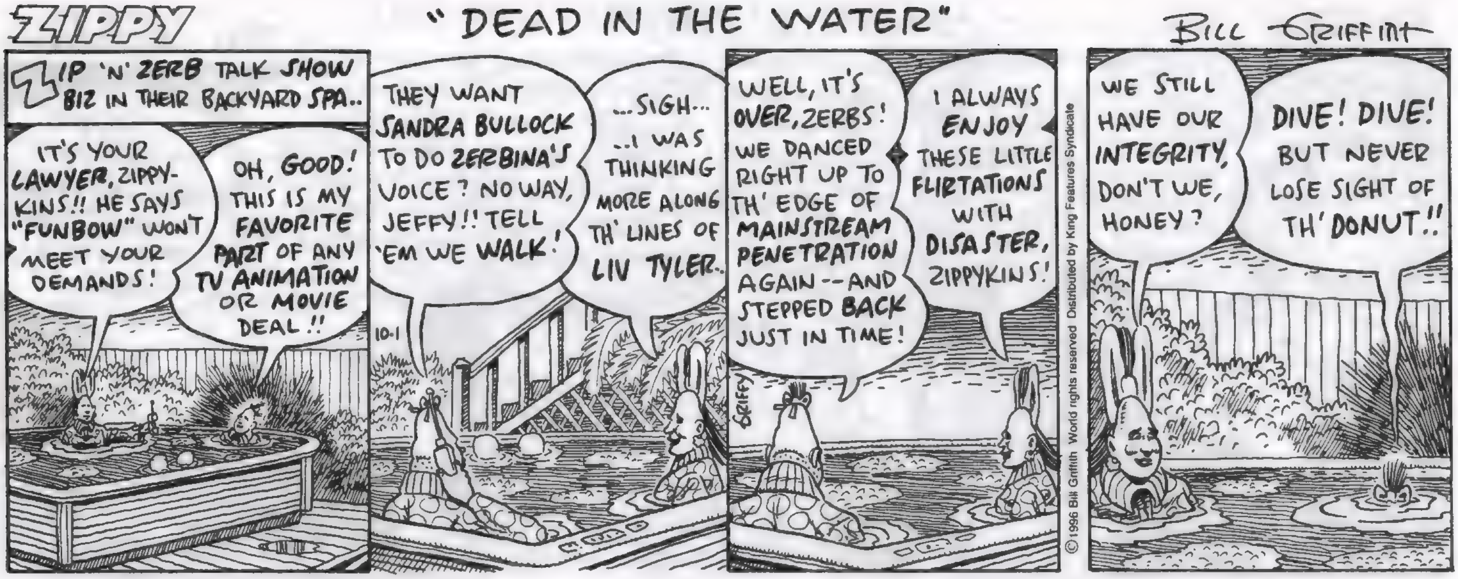
GRIFFY
9-30
WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS, ZIPPY?
I NEED EPI-SODIC ROYALTIES COMMENSURATE WITH INCREASES IN NETWORK LIC-ENSE FEES & APP-ROVAL OVER ALL CARTOON VIOLENCE! THEY CAN'T TREAT ME LIKE SOME 8-LEGGED INSECT WITH A BARBED PROBOSCIS!
SOUNDS LIKE A DEAL-BREAKER!!
HEY, WHEN I SELL OUT TO TH' CORPORATE MEDIA, I WANT GROSS PARTICIPATION! "NET" IS STRICTLY FOR FLOUNDER!!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"DEAD IN THE WATER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIP 'N' ZERB TALK SHOW BIZ IN THEIR BACKYARD SPA..
IT'S YOUR LAWYER, ZIPPY-KINS!! HE SAYS "FUNBOW" WON'T MEET YOUR DEMANDS!
OH, GOOD! THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART OF ANY TV ANIMATION OR MOVIE DEAL!!
10-1
THEY WANT SANDRA BULLOCK TO DO ZERBINA'S VOICE? NO WAY, JEFFY!! TELL 'EM WE WALK!
...SIGH... ..I WAS THINKING MORE ALONG TH' LINES OF LIV TYLER..
WELL, IT'S OVER, ZERBS! WE DANCED RIGHT UP TO TH' EDGE OF MAINSTREAM PENETRATION AGAIN--AND STEPPED BACK JUST IN TIME!
I ALWAYS ENJOY THESE LITTLE FLIRTATIONS WITH DISASTER, ZIPPYKINS!
GRIFFY
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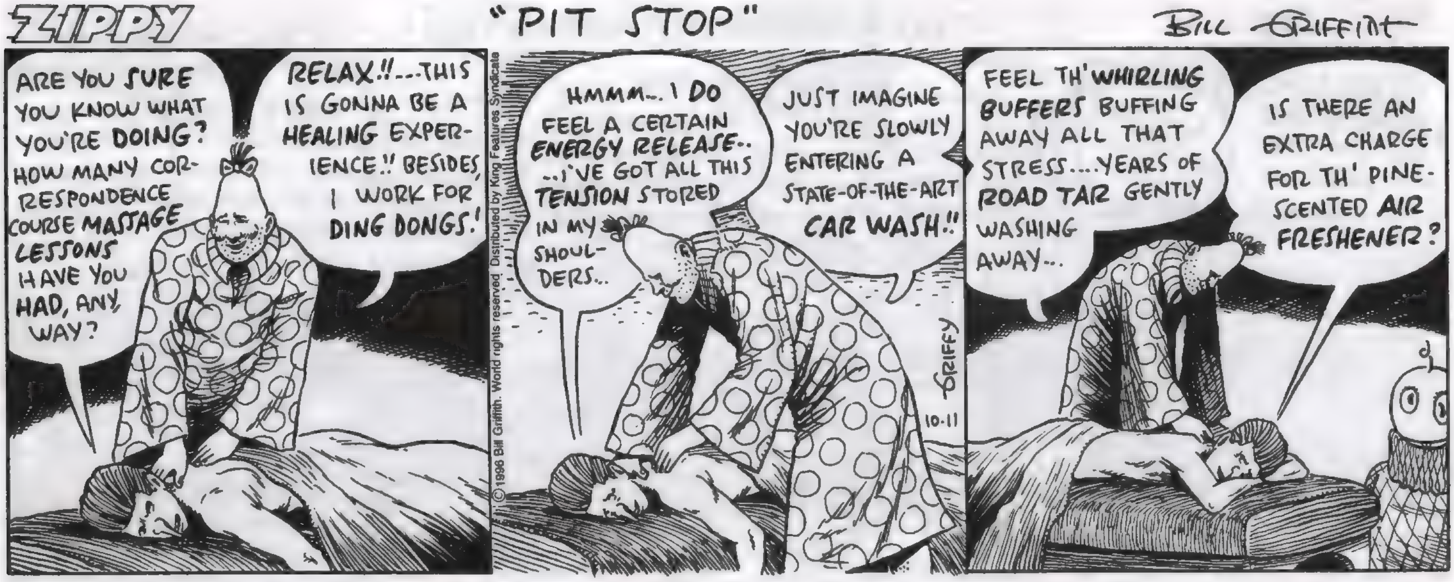
WE STILL HAVE OUR INTEGRITY, DON'T WE, HONEY?
DIVE! DIVE! BUT NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF TH' DONUT!!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"PIT STOP"
BILL GRIFFITH
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING? HOW MANY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE MASSAGE LESSONS HAVE YOU HAD, ANYWAY?
RELAX!!---THIS IS GONNA BE A HEALING EXPERIENCE!! BESIDES, I WORK FOR DING DONGS!
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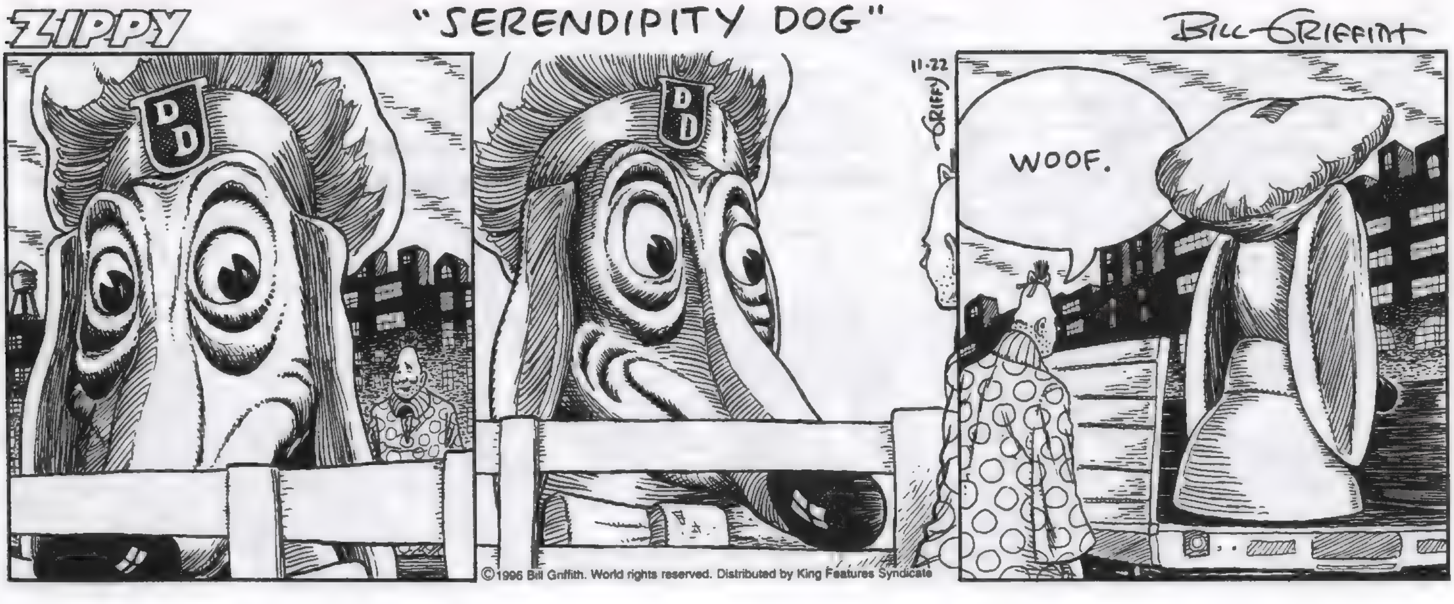
HMMM.. I DO FEEL A CERTAIN ENERGY RELEASE.. ..I'VE GOT ALL THIS TENSION STORED IN MY SHOULDERS..
JUST IMAGINE YOU'RE SLOWLY ENTERING A STATE-OF-THE-ART CAR WASH!!
GRIFFY
10-11
FEEL TH' WHIRLING BUFFERS BUFFING AWAY ALL THAT STRESS....YEARS OF ROAD TAR GENTLY WASHING AWAY...
IS THERE AN EXTRA CHARGE FOR TH' PINE-SCENTED AIR FRESHENER?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"SERENDIPITY DOG"
BILL GRIFFITH
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GRIFFY
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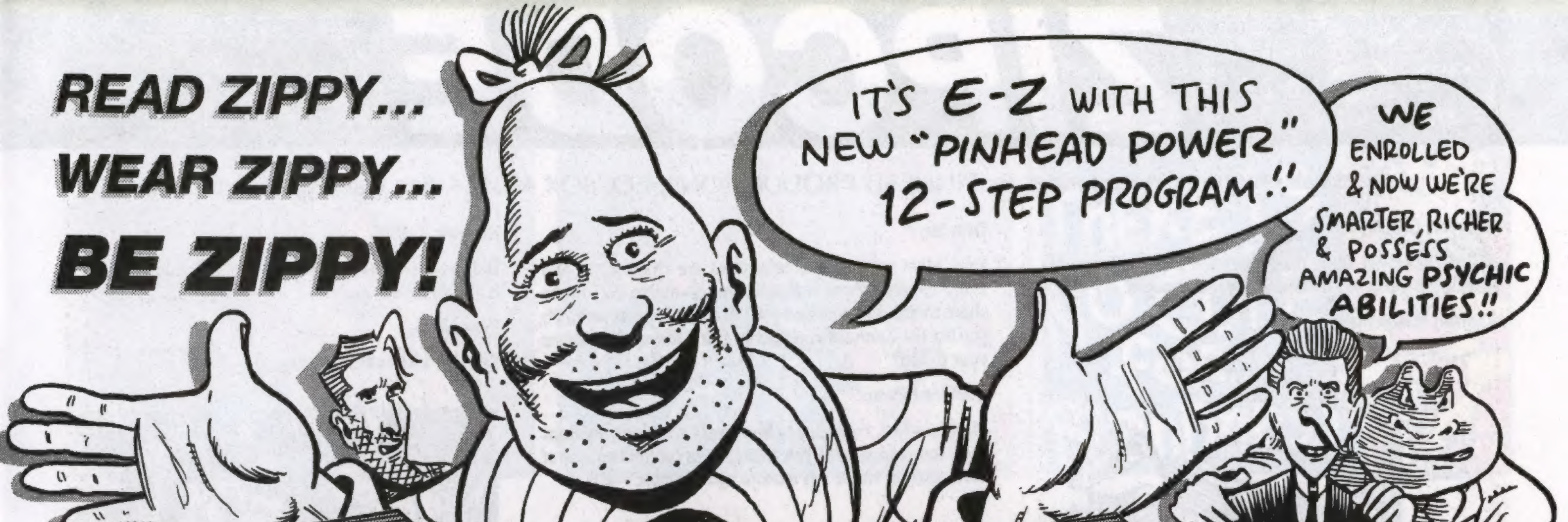
READ ZIPPY...
WEAR ZIPPY...
BE ZIPPY!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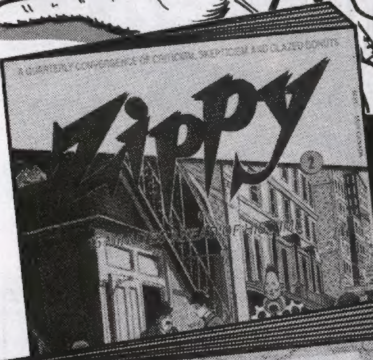
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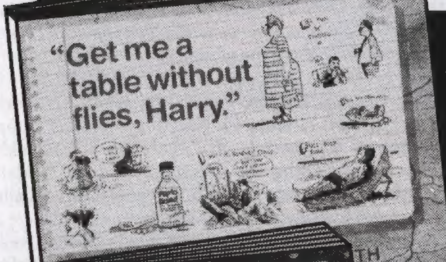
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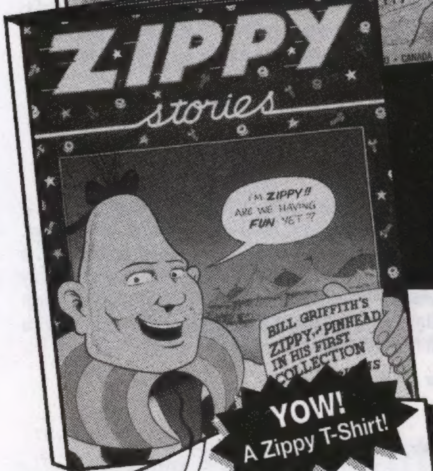
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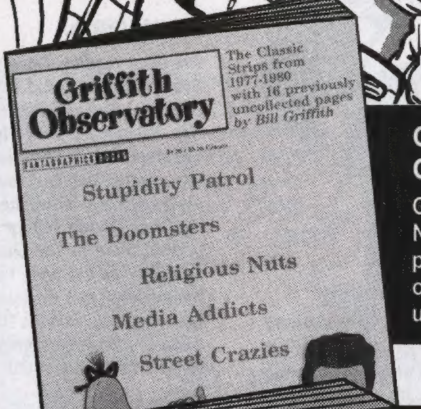
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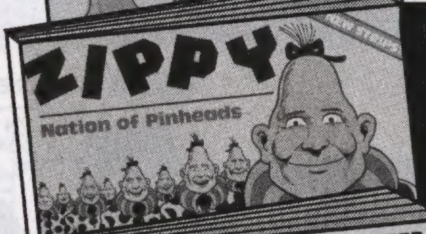
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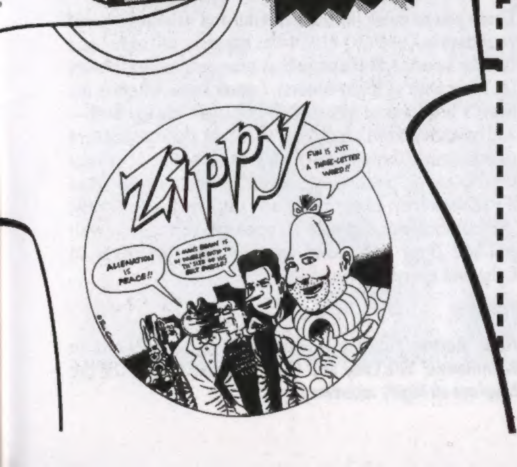
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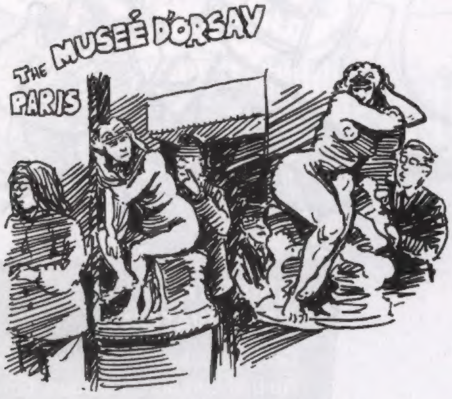
Dear Mr. Griffith,

My Mother loves Zippy the Pinhead. It's the only sign of intelligent life in the *Baltimore Sun* funny pages.

Raphael Middleman



Dear Bill,

Just for the record, you're one of the few people around I buy without even glancing inside. I enjoyed your take on comic fandom (ZQ #12). I must say I don't go into comic book stores very often just because it's depressing to wander into places where there's maybe 10,000 titles and there's not a single fucking thing there I want to read!

Theo. Nelson

Dear Bill,

There is a rumor that a high-ranking, straight-laced, blue-blooded editor at the *Boston Globe* is a big Zippy fan. Sources have it that this editorial personage possesses a life-size Styrofoam statue of Zippy that he keeps under wraps in his office. Best wishes, and congratulations on the Cuba cartoon-O-journalism (ZQ #10).

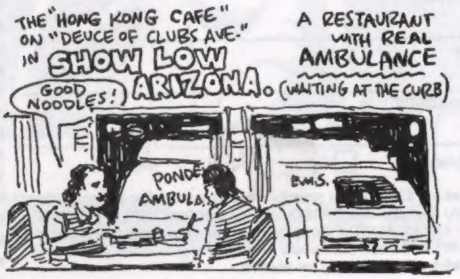
Eric Radack

Eric—Yes, it's true, sort of, and the man must be outed. He is high-ranking Tom Mulvoy. But the "life-sized Styrofoam statue" is, alas, merely a realistic Zippy rubber mask. —B.G.

Dear Griffy,

I have come to appreciate *Zippy* so much, in fact, that it is probably my favorite strip. I love Griffy and Zippy's "magical" trips such as to Cuba (ZQ #10) or trips back in time to Griffy's boyhood home in Levittown (ZQ #1). The thing I like the most, though, is Griffy's analytical diatribes on the contemporary social scene—very keen, telling insights which I find to be very on target! I have also come to appreciate Zippy's ludicrous weirdness. Your "nouveau bizarre" is a major dynamic in an otherwise mundane medium.

Jim Bolton


THE "HONG KONG CAFE" ON "DEUCE OF CLUBS AVE." IN SHOW LOW ARIZONA.
A RESTAURANT WITH REAL AMBULANCE (WAITING AT THE CURB)
GOOD NOODLES!
PONDE
AMBULA
EMS.

Dear Sir,

Your ideas stir me, the references are challenging and every so often there is a compulsion—not to kill, but to share them! Who inspired you? Are you aural as well? Do you like the German Expressionists, or is *Metropolitan Home* your milieu?

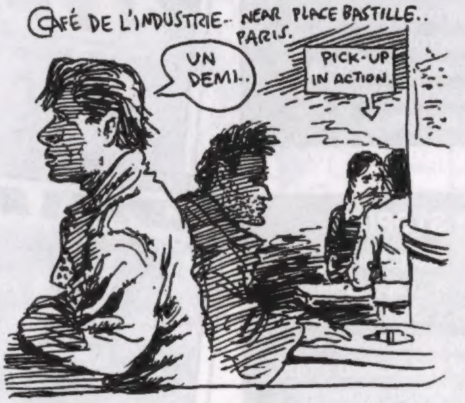
Maridee Kirwin

Maridee—First, I'm happy to hear (see? I am aural!) my strips don't compel you to kill. Yeh, Otto Dix was cool, but no issue of Metropolitan Home *has found a home in mine. —B.G.*

Dear Mr. Griffith,

I've been reading Zippy since the early eighties. Sometimes, I laugh out loud. In 1985, my husband bought me a Zippy the Pinhead doll. We found an interesting use for him. It's now a tradition for us to put Zippy on top of our Christmas tree. In 1993, I spent a year in London studying for a masters degree. I took my Zippy doll with me. I think my housemates found the sight of him somewhat disturbing. Then I found that the Sunday Zippy strips were being printed there in *The Guardian.* So I started buying *The Guardian* all the time. I showed the strip to one of my housemates from the former East Germany. It was really fun to try to explain the strip to him. I thought it might be a way for him to get some understanding of what it's like to live in the U.S.A.. I don't think it helped much.

Miriam F.B. Banash


CAFÉ DE L'INDUSTRIE - NEAR PLACE BASTILLE.. PARIS.
UN DEMI..
PICK-UP IN ACTION.

Dear Bill,

God, I really love your comic strip. I first discovered *Zippy* in the *National Lampoon*, then lost track of it. Then when I moved to D.C., I found you in the *Washington Post.* That was eight years ago and I've hardly missed a strip since. Sadly, my friends don't share my enthusiasm. They say you have to be on drugs to understand it. I'm *not*, I assure you, but I understand and agree with your satire on just about everything.

Randall Reade

Series of readers' phone calls printed in the "Sound Off" column in the Mobile Register *(AL):*

1) If someone could explain *Zippy the Pinhead,* I would really appreciate it.

2) To the caller who was puzzled about *Zippy the Pinhead:* Fine art needs no explanation; humor defies explanation.

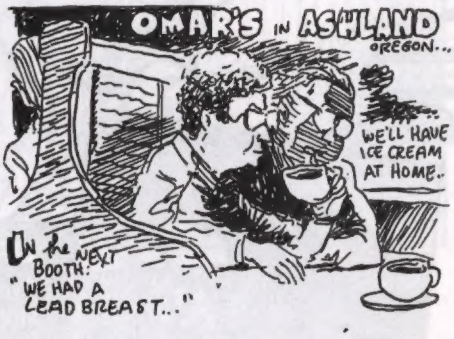
3) You don't explain the twilight of the gods. You don't explain the little dill pickle chips on a grilled cheese sandwich and you don't explain Zippy. You just enjoy him.

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Did you ever think that Griffy is like J.J. Rousseau and Zippy is like Voltaire?

Ryan Lloyd

Ryan—No. The other way around. —B.G.


OMAR'S IN ASHLAND OREGON..
WE'LL HAVE ICE CREAM AT HOME..
ON the NEXT BOOTH: "WE HAD A LEAD BREAST..."

Dear Bill Griffith,

I used to think that Zippy was the embodiment of evil. Quoth he: "Logic is Satan, obey your Kruller". Apparently, according to "Semiotics 'n' Stuff" (ZQ #2), Zippy embodies the lost innocence of Childhood, and not the chaotic anti-logic of Pop-Culture, as I once surmised. It seems that Zippy is consciously aware of the satirical content of what he says (*Note: In this strip only! —B.G.*). If this is the case, Zippy is Christ. One question: Are you familiar with the Fox Network (Sunbow) cartoon, *The Tick?* It is a rip-off of Zippy. However, it is a good rip-off. Other than this, the only cartoon approaching the excellence of Zippy is Matt Groening's self therapy, *Life in Hell.* Though I am not quite sixteen and label myself an "outsider neurotic", I am not a "phony" or a "poseur." I have oodles of integrity. I dedicated myself to the Truth years ago. I translate my thoughts into poetry, cartoons and fiction. Without these types of expression, I'd be locked in a rubber room chanting, "Shelf-Life must die."

Andrew Jameson

Dear Mr. Griffith,

I have enjoyed *Zippy* for many years. I have found the strip particularly comforting in times of personal crisis. e.g., when I was preparing to begin the painful process of a much needed divorce and when I became chairman of my department (Slavic Languages) at the University of North Carolina. It may interest you to know that *potrzebie* is Polish for "necessity."

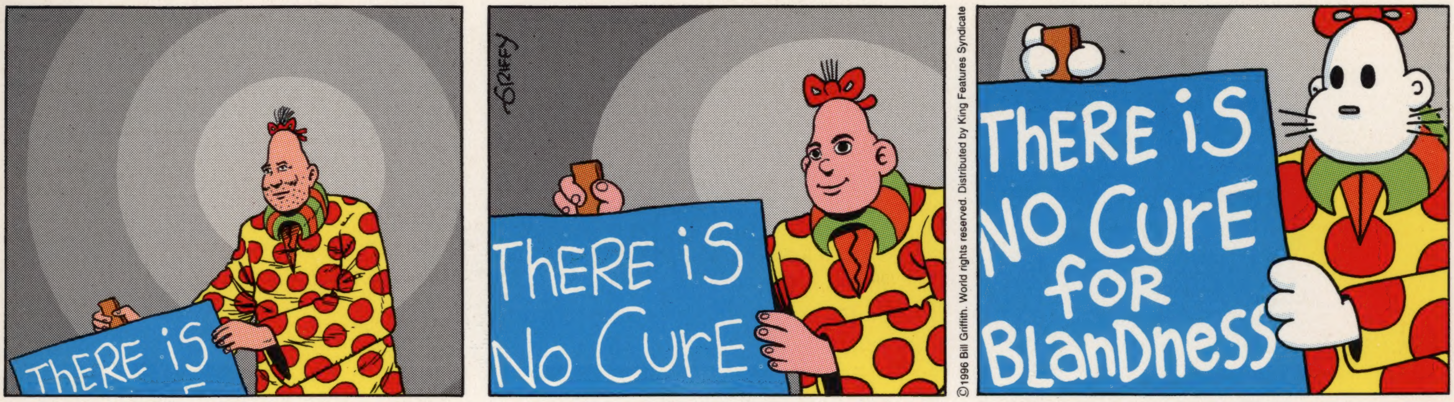
Victor A. Friedman

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Thank you so much for the beautiful and rich depiction of your days in Cuba (ZQ #10). I was happy to see so full and familiar a portrayal of a place that's run away with my heart (as it has with so many others). I never know whether my heart's breaking or intoxicated in Cuba—usually both—and nowadays I can hardly bear to return, the contrasts are so agonizing. But you catch all that so perfectly in your description of "a deliriously beautiful, vital, sad place," so it's really a treat to see the island discussed so faithfully, without ideology, but with an open eye and mind. I wish you and Zippy a thousand more colorful adventures, in Cuba and everywhere else.

Pico Iyer

Note: Author Pico Iyer's travel books, Video Night in Kathmandu, The Lady and the Monk *and* Falling Off the Map *are all highly recommended.*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GRIFFY
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THERE IS NO CURE FOR BLANDNESS

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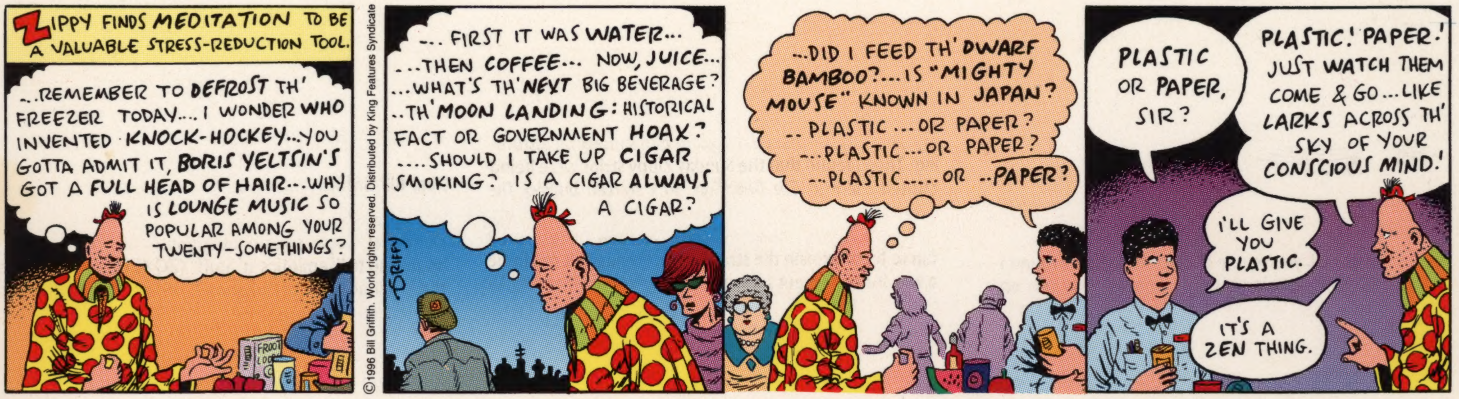
ZIPPY FINDS MEDITATION TO BE A VALUABLE STRESS-REDUCTION TOOL.
...REMEMBER TO DEFROST TH' FREEZER TODAY... I WONDER WHO INVENTED KNOCK-HOCKEY... YOU GOTTA ADMIT IT, BORIS YELTSIN'S GOT A FULL HEAD OF HAIR... WHY IS LOUNGE MUSIC SO POPULAR AMONG YOUR TWENTY-SOMETHINGS?
...FIRST IT WAS WATER... ...THEN COFFEE... NOW, JUICE... ...WHAT'S TH' NEXT BIG BEVERAGE? ..TH' MOON LANDING: HISTORICAL FACT OR GOVERNMENT HOAX? ....SHOULD I TAKE UP CIGAR SMOKING? IS A CIGAR ALWAYS A CIGAR?
GRIFFY
...DID I FEED TH' DWARF BAMBOO?... IS "MIGHTY MOUSE" KNOWN IN JAPAN? ..PLASTIC ...OR PAPER? ...PLASTIC ... OR PAPER? ...PLASTIC...... OR ..PAPER?
PLASTIC OR PAPER, SIR?
PLASTIC! PAPER! JUST WATCH THEM COME & GO... LIKE LARKS ACROSS TH' SKY OF YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND!
I'LL GIVE YOU PLASTIC.
IT'S A ZEN THING.

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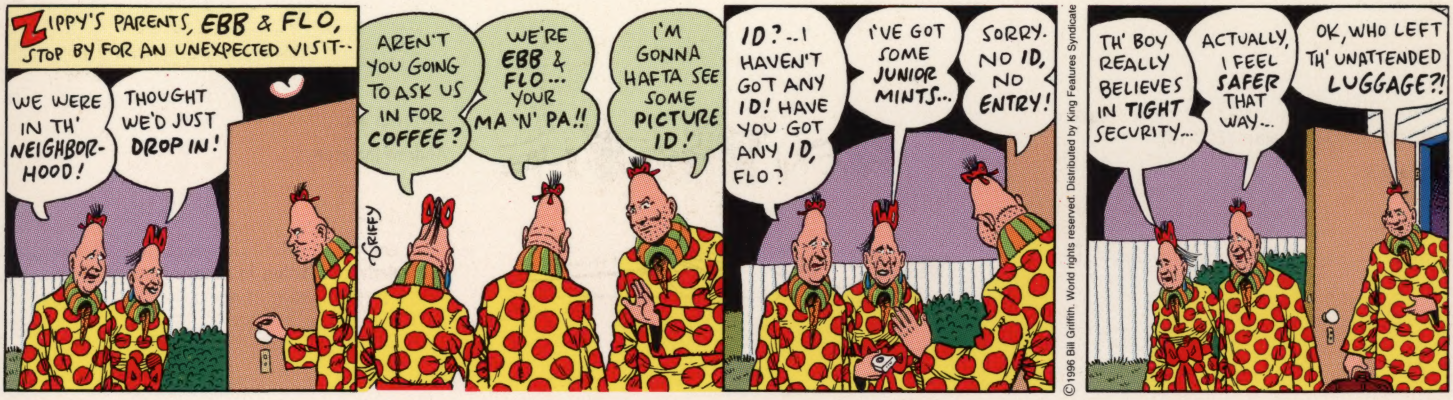
ZIPPY'S PARENTS, EBB & FLO, STOP BY FOR AN UNEXPECTED VISIT..
WE WERE IN TH' NEIGHBORHOOD!
THOUGHT WE'D JUST DROP IN!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK US IN FOR COFFEE?
WE'RE EBB & FLO... YOUR MA 'N' PA!!
I'M GONNA HAFTA SEE SOME PICTURE ID!
GRIFFY
ID? ..I HAVEN'T GOT ANY ID! HAVE YOU GOT ANY ID, FLO?
I'VE GOT SOME JUNIOR MINTS..
SORRY. NO ID, NO ENTRY!
TH' BOY REALLY BELIEVES IN TIGHT SECURITY...
ACTUALLY, I FEEL SAFER THAT WAY...
OK, WHO LEFT TH' UNATTENDED LUGGAGE?!

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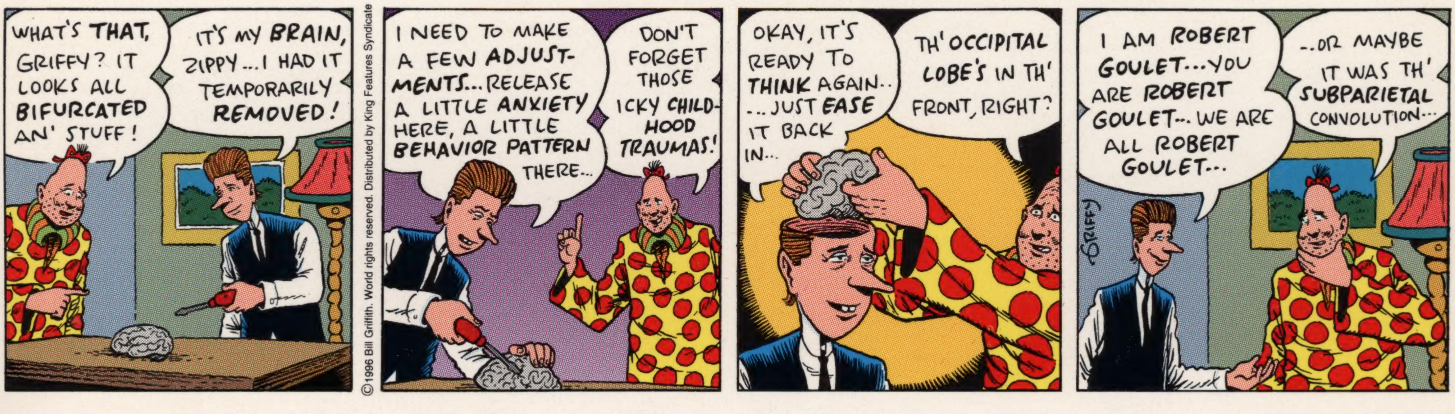
WHAT'S THAT, GRIFFY? IT LOOKS ALL BIFURCATED AN' STUFF!
IT'S MY BRAIN, ZIPPY... I HAD IT TEMPORARILY REMOVED!
I NEED TO MAKE A FEW ADJUSTMENTS... RELEASE A LITTLE ANXIETY HERE, A LITTLE BEHAVIOR PATTERN THERE...
DON'T FORGET THOSE ICKY CHILDHOOD TRAUMAS!
OKAY, IT'S READY TO THINK AGAIN.. ...JUST EASE IT BACK IN...
TH' OCCIPITAL LOBE'S IN TH' FRONT, RIGHT?
GRIFFY
I AM ROBERT GOULET... YOU ARE ROBERT GOULET... WE ARE ALL ROBERT GOULET...
..OR MAYBE IT WAS TH' SUBPARIETAL CONVOLUTION...

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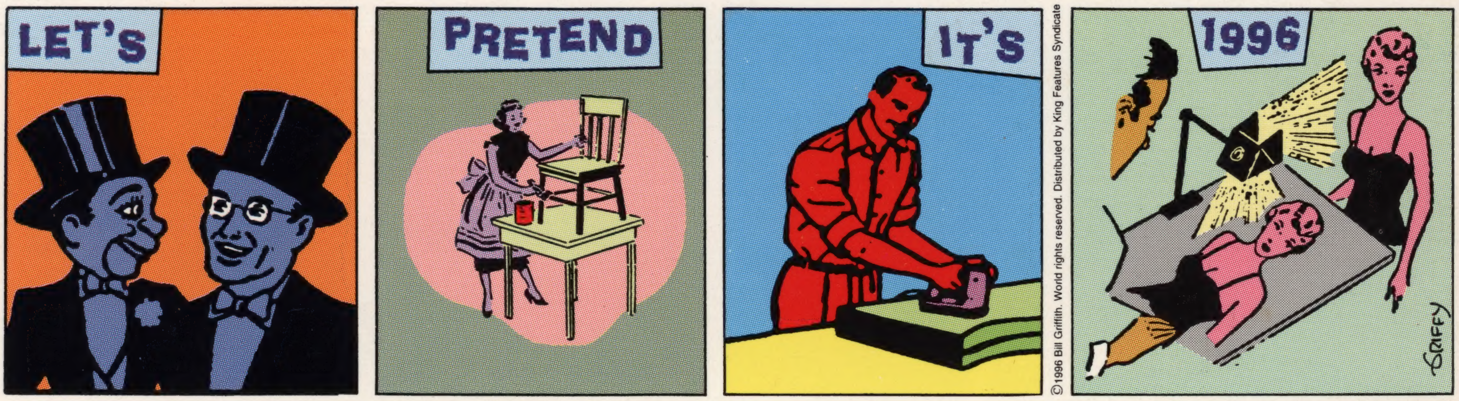
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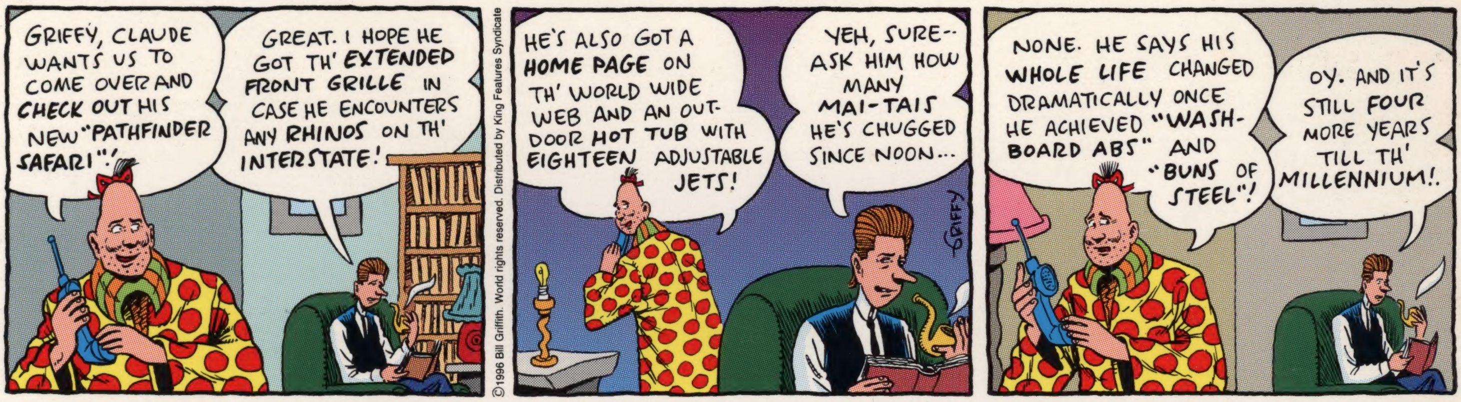
GRIFFY


GRIFFY, CLAUDE WANTS US TO COME OVER AND CHECK OUT HIS NEW "PATHFINDER SAFARI"!
GREAT. I HOPE HE GOT TH' EXTENDED FRONT GRILLE IN CASE HE ENCOUNTERS ANY RHINOS ON TH' INTERSTATE!
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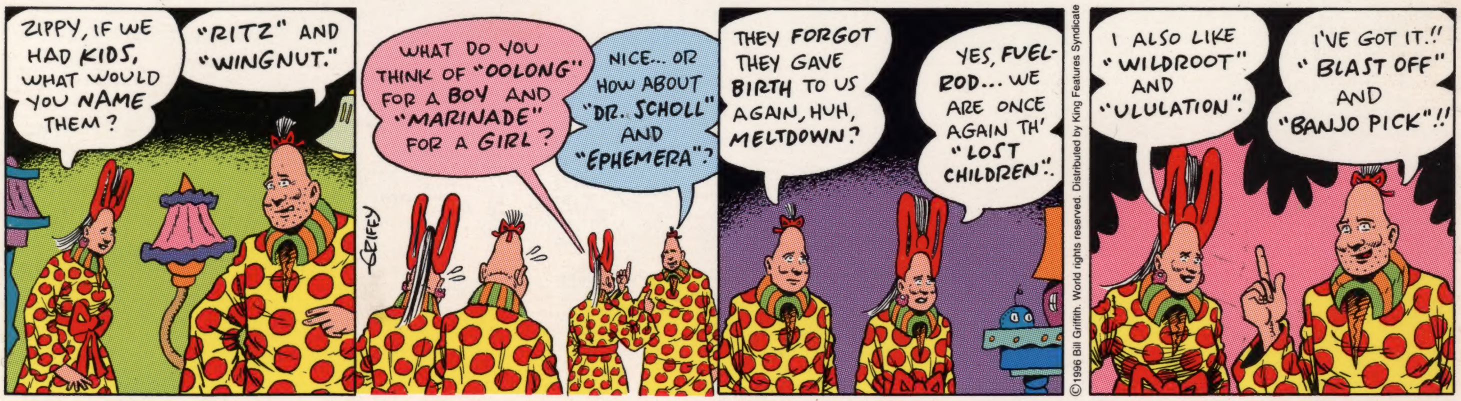
HE'S ALSO GOT A HOME PAGE ON TH' WORLD WIDE WEB AND AN OUT-DOOR HOT TUB WITH EIGHTEEN ADJUSTABLE JETS!
YEH, SURE-- ASK HIM HOW MANY MAI-TAIS HE'S CHUGGED SINCE NOON...
GRIFFY
NONE. HE SAYS HIS WHOLE LIFE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY ONCE HE ACHIEVED "WASH-BOARD ABS" AND "BUNS OF STEEL"!
OY. AND IT'S STILL FOUR MORE YEARS TILL TH' MILLENNIUM!.


ZIPPY, IF WE HAD KIDS, WHAT WOULD YOU NAME THEM?
"RITZ" AND "WINGNUT."
GRIFFY
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "OOLONG" FOR A BOY AND "MARINADE" FOR A GIRL?
NICE... OR HOW ABOUT "DR. SCHOLL" AND "EPHEMERA"?
THEY FORGOT THEY GAVE BIRTH TO US AGAIN, HUH, MELTDOWN?
YES, FUEL-ROD... WE ARE ONCE AGAIN TH' "LOST CHILDREN".
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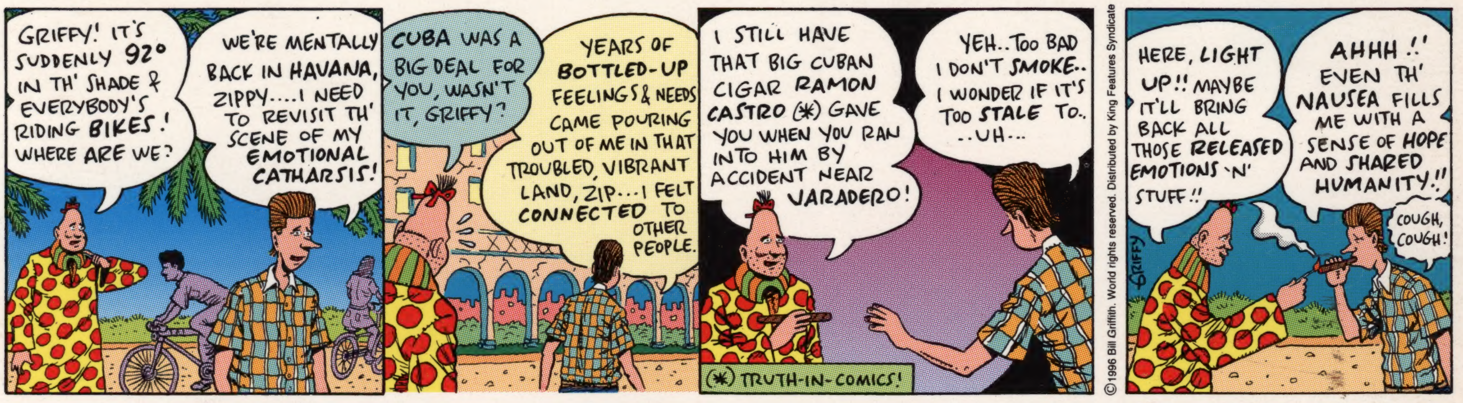
I ALSO LIKE "WILDROOT" AND "ULULATION".
I'VE GOT IT.!! "BLAST OFF" AND "BANJO PICK"!!


GRIFFY! IT'S SUDDENLY 92° IN TH' SHADE & EVERYBODY'S RIDING BIKES! WHERE ARE WE?
WE'RE MENTALLY BACK IN HAVANA, ZIPPY.... I NEED TO REVISIT TH' SCENE OF MY EMOTIONAL CATHARSIS!
CUBA WAS A BIG DEAL FOR YOU, WASN'T IT, GRIFFY?
YEARS OF BOTTLED-UP FEELINGS & NEEDS CAME POURING OUT OF ME IN THAT TROUBLED, VIBRANT LAND, ZIP... I FELT CONNECTED TO OTHER PEOPLE.
I STILL HAVE THAT BIG CUBAN CIGAR RAMON CASTRO (*) GAVE YOU WHEN YOU RAN INTO HIM BY ACCIDENT NEAR VARADERO!
YEH.. TOO BAD I DON'T SMOKE.. I WONDER IF IT'S TOO STALE TO.. ..UH...
(*) TRUTH-IN-COMICS!
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HERE, LIGHT UP!! MAYBE IT'LL BRING BACK ALL THOSE RELEASED EMOTIONS 'N' STUFF!!
AHHH!! EVEN TH' NAUSEA FILLS ME WITH A SENSE OF HOPE AND SHARED HUMANITY!!
COUGH, COUGH!
GRIFFY

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